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County won't get "paranoid" about new obligations ... not yet

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County councillors are holding their breath as the tidal wave of provincial funding changes starts to wash over the Highlands.

"I see little sense in getting paranoid until we see all the facts," wrote Warden Murray Fearrey in a note read by Sherborne et al Reeve Ross Rabjohn at Wednesday's county council meeting. (Fearrey was ill and unable to attend.)

Fearrey noted what is now all too obvious for local politicians – "1997 is starting out with some astounding changes."

Or as Rabjohn said in his opening address, "Welcome to 1997. This promises to be a very exciting year."

Many of those changes, announced just two days previously, were simply too new to absorb in one sitting.

In general, the county has been given a year's notice that the province is going to pick up the $13-million that local residential ratepayers pay every year for education through property taxes. In exchange, property taxes will have to be used to pay for a bevy of services previously paid for by the province. Some of those services are: 50% of the province's grant to Hyland Crest; 50% of money spent on general welfare and social assistance; 50% of subsidies for childcare; the health unit; transportation; ambulance services; libraries; rental subsidies for public housing such as Staanworth, Parklane and Echo Hills; and policing.

This will be the last year municipalities get funding from the province. That funding, which totalled in the millions, used to help pay for roads as

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EAGER FOR A RUN: With 80 teams competing in the Techni-Cal Sled Dog Derby, there was plenty of action on Minden's Main Street on the weekend and hundreds of people came out to watch – once they'd thawed out! Saturday morning dawned with -30° temperatures, making it cold for dogs and spectators alike. By afternoon, the streets were filled and on Sunday, even more people ventured out to watch the most popular event of winter. Here, Steve Lougheed of Minden comes home for a 12th place finish overall.

School construction back on ice

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Just a week after the province lifted a funding freeze on school construction, plans of Haliburton's school board for a new primary school and renovations at the high school may be headed back on ice.

And it's possible the expansion plans could have to be scaled down considerably to fit into a much smaller budget.

Last week the Ministry of Education announced it will eliminate nearly half of the province's school boards by the next municipal election, slated for November.

Under the plan, a new body, called the Education Improvement Commission, will have final say over school board spending at least until the reformed system is up and running.

It's possible that the new commission may not agree with the board spending more money than it said it would when it originally applied for provincial funding, said business administrator Jim Bradley.

"What we're asking is way in excess of what they've given us allocation for. It may not matter, it may matter," he told trustees at a special meeting of the full board on Tuesday to discuss the education changes.

The province has agreed to give the board $1.4-million on an allocation of $2.8-million to upgrade and expand the high school and $425,000 on an allocation of $850,000 to replace Victoria Street School.

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High school student dies in Port Hope car accident

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were in mourning yesterday after learning one of their classmates was killed in a car accident on the weekend.

Doxsee Post, 18, was fatally injured Saturday afternoon when the car he was driving was involved in a head-on crash on Hwy. 28 just outside Port Hope.

Post, who was in the Grade 10/11 program, had moved to Haliburton only recently to live with his father, Bill.

He began his studies at HHSS at the start of the school year. Previously he lived in Fenelon Falls and went to Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

Though he attended the high school for only a short time,

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Health Unit wants patrons to show support for smoke-free eateries

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

For many, eating in a smoke-filled restaurant can spoil a meal, to say nothing about the harm to the health of patrons and staff. To encourage more restaurants to ban smoking, the health unit is distributing cards of peel and stick stickers to 1,000 mailboxes across the county. When people got to a restaurant, they're asked to affix the sticker to their bill. The sticker reads "as a valued customer, I would rather eat in a smoke-free environment. Consider making your restaurant smoke-free."

There were quite a few Hercules aircraft seen flying above the Highlands last week. Crews from CFB Trenton were in the area for training. They practised search and rescue, including the use of night flares, and tactical airlifting.

Are you a boxing fan from way back? Way, way back? Donna Ottley of Haliburton is researching the life of her grandfather, Red (Frank) Gallagher, who was the Canadian boxing champion in 1912. He was based at the Mutual Street Arena in Toronto. Unfortunately, she's running into a lot of deadends and would appreciate some help. If you can remember anything of Red Gallagher's boxing career, or have archives she can dig into, please call her at 457-1885.

The Lindsay Concert Foundation will be bringing the warm, sensuous music of Quartango to the Frost Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.. Specializing in elegant and sophisticated arrangements of classical tangos, they also play recent compositions by Canadian and international composers. For further information, call Julie at 705-328-0857.

The Victoria Palliative Network is hosting a one-day conference on Feb. 26 at Victoria Manor. The target audience is physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, social workers, clergy, hospice workers and volunteers who already have some background in palliative care. Guest speakers are Dr. John Beamish, management of difficult pain and symptom problems; Rev. Donovan Brown, interpreting the language of they dying; Dr. Michele Chaban, complicated mourning and complex families; and Rev. Gai Burns, the role of complementary therapies in palliative care. Call 705-324-2811 for registration before Feb. 19. Cost is $20.Bowl away those winter blues. Here's some advance notice about a fundraising bowl-a-thon for the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre on Feb. 22 at Carnarvon Bowl and Feb. 23 at the County Bowling Centre in Minden. Sponsor sheets are available at the bowling centres or the Centre's office in the health unit building in Haliburton. Receipts will be issued for donations more than $10.

Child Find Ontario has learned that people across Ontario are being solicited through door-to-door campaigns that are being association with the organization. However, currently Child Find Ontario does not engage in door-to-door campaigning of any kind. Anyone who is approached can call 1-800-447-6047 to verify the request.

The SIRCH Women's Emergency House has a surplus of clothing and household items due to the generosity of the community. These will be available on Sat. Jan. 25 at the Minden Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden is thanked for making the space available.

"Your Home and Cottage Show" will be at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road near the airport, from Feb. 21 to 23. Expect to see furnishings, home and cottage builders and renovation products, environmentally friendly products as well as recreational and outdoor leisure products.

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Student had made new circle of friends

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Post had already made friends with other students..

"He was a very quiet young man. He had his circle of friends, who are obviously grieving very hard right now," said school principal Gary Brohman.

The school has set up a counselling service for students to help them deal with their grief, he said.

Because it is exam period at the high school, only about half the students were at school yesterday. But a number of them had spoken to counsellors about the tragedy, Brohman said.

The Cobourg detachment of the OPP reports that Post was driving southbound on Hwy. 28 about 3.5 kilometres outside Port Hope when his car travelled into the oncoming lane and hit a northbound vehicle with two occupants.

Post was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The driver of the other vehicle involved, a 71-year-old woman, was first transported to Port Hope Hospital and then moved to Sunnybrook Medical Hospital in Toronto.

A passenger in the car was also sent to Port Hope Hospital and remains there in stable condition.

Police say road and weather condition at the time of the accident were good.

They don't know why Post's car crossed into the oncoming vehicle's path.

Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

Post's funeral was to be held today (Tuesday) at the Shiloh Christian Centre in Fenelon Falls at 11 a.m.

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Lutterworth reeve wants PCs to choose him as the next federal candidate

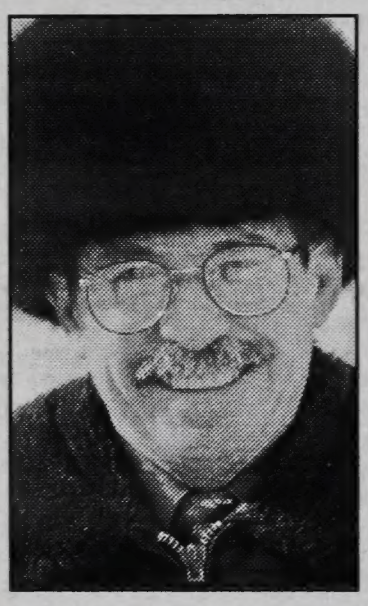
by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Local politician Jim McMahon has decided to make the leap into federal politics.

His will be one of at least three names on the ballot for the election of Victoria-Haliburton's Progressive Conservative candidate for the next federal election.

The Lutterworth reeve says he was approached earlier about standing for nomination, but because there were already two candidates, he decided against it. When Rod Benns stepped out of the running after Jim Blair declared his candidacy, McMahon had second thoughts about saying no. The first time "I wasn't convinced the time was right but I know now maybe I was making the wrong mistake by not going for it. So I said why not go for it?"

This is his first step into federal politics. He was deputy-reeve of Lutterworth from 1988-94 and reeve since then. He also served as county warden in 1993-94.



"I'm a people type person and have a proven track record. Nine years on council and a businessman who's survived the recession and depression with common sense," says Jim McMahon

In the last federal election, McMahon voted for the Liberals because of Jean Chrétien's promise to eliminate the GST which had been brought in by Brian Mulroney's PC government. As owner of McMahon Feed 'n Harness in Minden, McMahon is against the GST because of its additional cost and the tax burden.

"The GST killed the Tories," he said in an interview Friday. "It hurt small business definitely... Mulroney would not listen to people. He did not listen to small business and small business is the backbone of the country."

Now, because the Liberals did not live up to their promise to scrap the tax, "why support them?"

"I like (PC leader) Jean Charest's style," he says. "He's got a long haul ahead of him. I'm not sure he'll be able to form a government but he certainly seems impressive based on anything I've seen on television and my readings on him."

McMahon says the Liberals have also not been accountable with such issues as the Air Bus scandal, and the Somalia inquiry. "Someone's got to be accountable. The truth has got to be known."

Another issue is farmers' inability to buy grain for the cattle last year because most of the grain was being exported and prices were so high.

Asked how he'd demonstrate accountability, McMahon said "I would certainly take a pragmatic approach to the issues and judge them on their merit."

As a father of an 18-year-old daughter who graduated from HHSS last year and has had problems finding a job, McMahon also believes strongly in job creation. "She was born in the county and there's no work for her. That's sad." Asked for his ideas on job creation, he said "I don't have all the answers but I'd certainly listen and bring forward the suggestions the people in the riding have. We have to look at the whole picture and see who does what, same as what the province has done with downloading on municipalities."

Senior citizens' needs also need to be considered. "They built this country and then the tax breaks they had, they lost them. I don't think CPP will be there for my children or you and I. It all goes back to accountability."

In the last federal election, the small-c conservative vote was split between the Reform Party and the PCs, allowing Liberal John O'Reilly to come up the middle for a win. Just as he believes he has a chance to win the PC nomination for the riding, McMahon believes he as PC candidate can win the next election locally.

"I'm a people type person and have a proven track record. Nine years on council and a businessman who's survived the recession and depression with common sense."

He says the Reform Party seems to be losing members all on its own and as a party, "Reform's going a little too far. They're just a little too erratic in some areas."

Asked if accountability also includes the Reform Party's idea of calling back MPs who do not follow their constituents' wishes, McMahon said "I'm one person, one voice and one vote so anyone who thinks they can go and build mountains shouldn't be in politics."

He acknowledges he'll have a busy few weeks ahead of him as the Feb. 8 nomination meeting in Lindsay gets nearer. He has until Friday to sell party memberships and then he has to work on becoming more well known in the southern half of the riding. He says he buys most of his store's supplies from Lindsay so he's already got quite a few contacts there.

"I'll just have to do my best and hope the people of Haliburton County will support me and those who know me in Victoria County will support me," he says, adding he wouldn't have put his name forward if he didn't believe he could win. "I'll go down and knock on a few doors."

Cold weather and snow made Highlands roads slippery on Friday, as this accident on Hwy 118 in Haliburton attests. Police were kept busy but as with this one, few accidents resulted in personal injuries.

Health unit workers asked to take pay cut to avoid layoffs

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Workers with the health unit are being asked to make financial concessions in an attempt to avoid lay-offs following a 15% cut in provincial funding.

Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman told his fellow county councillors on Wednesday that the Kawartha, Haliburton, Pineridge District Health Unit wants to save as many jobs as possible.

Budgets have already been trimmed in response to previous years' cutbacks, so workers are now being asked to:

- take five unpaid days off a year
- accept a six percent wage reduction
- reduce their driving allowance by $90

"If they agree, we won't be laying off more staff," Tallman said.

However, the health unit has already been told that this year's funding from the province will be the last. In the future, the costs of health unit services will be borne by property taxes.

Last year, the county's levy for the Cobourg-based health unit was $128,000, based on the county's population. That's 25% of the total levy. Tallman says in the future the county's levy will likely triple.

Ratepayers may also see an increase in fees charged. Previously, with septic system inspections, the province paid for half of the cost and the health unit recouped its half through a fee to the property owners. That provincial subsidy is being dropped, so it's expected the fee will double.

There was some good news in Tallman's report to council. The rabies vaccination program is showing stellar results in conjunction with a Ministry of Natural Resources program to drop baited vaccine pellets in susceptible areas.

In 1996, 9,984 animals received the vaccine. There were 435 cases of human contact with suspected rabid animals, but only 30 people received the precautionary treatment. Only two animals were confirmed to be rabid, one skunk and one fox. In the preceding years (1995 to 1992), the number of confirmed rabies cases was three, 27, 32 and 116 respectively.

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New boundaries surprise board of education

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

School board officials knew something big was up last week when they were summoned to their district offices on short notice for a tele-conference with Education Minister John Snobelen.

The word was out that the province had made up its mind on slashing the number of boards.

Administrators from Haliburton and Victoria Counties expected to hear their school systems would be merged.

But Muskoka, too?

"I concede that it came as a real bolt out of the blue that Muskoka had been inserted into the amalgamation formula," said Haliburton's board director, Brad Saunders.

Over in Lindsay and Bracebridge, the directors of the Victoria and Muskoka boards were equally shocked.

"It was a surprise, probably because we hadn't ever looked at the pros and cons of that configuration because Muskoka had never been in the mix," said Dianne Dalton, director of the Victoria County Board of Education. "... It's not that we don't like (Muskoka), it's just that it was a surprise."

The most recent merger proposal put together by a provincial task force recommended last winter that the education systems of Haliburton and Victoria unite under a new board.

A previous proposal would have seen the boards of Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and Northumberland-Clarington turned into a mega-board stretching from Lake Ontario to Algonquin Park.

The same task force, headed by former Liberal MPP John Sweeney, also recommended that Muskoka amalgamate with the boards of West Parry Sound, East Parry Sound and Nippissing.

"We were surprised (by the new plan)," said Muskoka board director Dusty Papke. "I think everybody thought that Victoria and Haliburton were going to be amalgamated. But I think the thought here was that we'd go together with the boards to the north of us. Traditionally, that's where our ties have been."

The new amalgamated board will govern one of the largest school districts in the province, stretching all the way from Georgian Bay to a southern border about 25 miles from Lake Ontario.

But in terms of student population, it will be one of the smallest public boards with about 23,000 students in seven high schools and 46 elementary schools.

Over the next 10 months leading up to the date when the existing boards will be dismantled, transition teams of one administrator and one trustee from each of the three boards will begin working on "the nitty gritty" of how they will merge their educational programs, policies, staffs and buildings.

Board officials acknowledge they have a massive and complicated job on their hands as they try to figure out which components of each system will be kept or eliminated by the new board.

Muskoka runs Junior Kindergarten classes, while Haliburton and Victoria don't. Does that mean the new board will offer JK across the system or cut it altogether?

Victoria and Muskoka offer French Immersion classes, but Haliburton doesn't. Will Haliburton schools have to offer French Immersion under the new system?

What about adult education classes? Both of the other boards offer the program, but it isn't available in Haliburton.

In many ways, the province will help make the decisions for the boards when it announces the level of funding it will give them, said Muskoka's Papke.

If the funding — to be an equal amount per pupil across the province — is not high enough, the amalgamated system may simply not be able to afford some of the programs currently offered by the three boards, he said.

And while there are still many questions left unanswered, Haliburton schools should end up benefitting from the added resources its two new partners will bring into the relationship, said Saunders.

Victoria County has its own engineer on staff, who could help Haliburton with its plans to expand the high school and build a new primary schoo.

As well, both Victoria and Muskoka have human resources staff and that would benefit Haliburton.

How will education changes affect property taxes in the Highlands?

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton education officials doubt the provincial government's move to drastically reduce the number of school boards will translate into savings for taxpayers.

Last week Education Minister John Snobelen announced the province's 129 major boards would be cut down to just 66 through an amalgamation plan that will see the school systems of Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka unite.

Snobelen hasn't said exactly how much money the plan is expected to save.

But Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson told *The Echo* the amalgamations will cut the costs of delivering education. He cited a consultant's study prepared by the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association which estimates up to $150-million could be saved by merging boards.

However, Haliburton board director Brad Saunders said past amalgamations typically haven't resulted in savings.

Usually when employee groups from different systems join under a new board, their unions "cherry pick" the best clauses from each others' contracts as they harmonize their collective agreements, he said.

"Obviously, if that happens, the costs will not go down."

Board chairwoman Cheryl Murdoch speculated it won't be long after the amalgamation plan goes ahead before the Ministry tries to gain further control over education spending by bringing in provincial bargaining for school board employees.

"This whole project was supposed to be to save money and improve the quality of education, and I'm not convinced it will do that," Murdoch said.

"What I don't think this whole issue is about is saving money," said Saunders. "It's about a lot of other things, such as leveling the playing field."

He applauded the Ministry of Education's plan to equalize per pupil spending across the province.

Beginning in January, 1998, Snobelen has said the province will remove education from residential property tax and supply school board's with funding to ensure that the same amount of money is spent on each student.

Saunders said the inequity in board spending per student has been "a travesty" for decades.

However, just because the spending allotment per student will be equalized, doesn't mean the board will have more money to spend on each student, cautioned business administrator Jim Bradley.

"It could be better for the board. But depending on what the level is, it could be worse," he said.

In return for assuming the costs of education, municipalities will have to take over the costs of providing a number of services, such as welfare and long-term healthcare, which ratepayers will have to cover through property taxes.

Municipalities have long complained that the school board has simply resorted to property tax hikes to absorb funding cuts rather than trimming its spending.

Now it appears they will have the chance to prove whether they can make better financial decisions than the board did.

"I can see the municipalities will be in the same position boards were in where they've had to implement charges to cover the new programs they have to pay for," Bradley speculated.

And in the end, people could end up having to pay higher taxes than they do now under the current system.

"It hasn't been determined that it will be less," Hodgson said.

But, he said, the new funding system will allow the province to work at holding down the costs of education which have risen by an average of five per cent annually over the past decade.

Hodgson said the province is also hoping municipalities will be able to co-operate and find efficiencies as they begin their new, more powerful roles that will keep property taxes down.

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Who's got what?

Next January the education systems of Haliburton County, Victoria County and Muskoka will be merged under the direction of a new school board. Here's a look at what each of the boards has going into the relationship.

HALIBURTON COUNTY	VICTORIA COUNTY	MUSKOKA
• **1996 Budget:** *$17-million*	• **1996 Budget:** *$73.8-million*	• **1996 Budget:** *$55.4-million*
• **Students (FTE)** *(full-time equivalent)* *2,400 - 2,500*	• **Students (FTE)** *(full-time equivalent)* *11,500*	• **Students (FTE)** *(full-time equivalent)* *8,300 - 8,500*
• **7 Elementary Schools**	• **20 Elementary Schools**	• **19 Elementary Schools**
• **1 High School**	• **3 High Schools**	• **3 High Schools**
• **Teachers (FTE)** *150, plus supply teachers*	• **Teachers (FTE)** *Number not available*	• **Teachers (FTE)** *510, plus supply teachers*
• **9 Board Office Staff**	• **65 Board Office Staff**	• **35 Board Office Staff**
• **50 other employees**	• **851 other employees** *(Includes teachers)*	• **Other employees** *(Number not available)*
• **15 trustees**	• **15 trustees**	• **15 trustees**
• **Trustee Honoraria** *$5,400*	• **Trustee Honoraria** *$7,000*	• **Trustee Honoraria** *$7,500*
• **Busing Policy** *Walk up to 2K for ride*	• **Busing Policy** *Sliding scale, 1-3.2K walk*	• **Busing Policy** *Sliding scale, distance N/A*
• **Students On The Buses** *85-90 per cent*	• **Students On The Buses** *72 per cent*	• **Students On The Buses** *80-85 per cent*
• **Building Projects** *$2.3-million elementary school, $5-million high school addition*	• **Building Projects** *$2.1-million elementary school addition*	• **Building Projects** *Two additions planned for '97*
• **Building Project Grants** *$1.8-million*	• **Building Project Grants** *$1.26-million*	• **Building Project Grants** *None*
• **No Junior Kindergarten**	• **No Junior Kindergarten**	• **Offers JK**
• **No French Immersion**	• **Offers French Immersion**	• **Offers French Immersion**
• **No Adult Education**	• **Offers Adult Education**	• **Offers Adult Education**

Since board must debenture school construction, it needs provincial okay first

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But the board's construction plans for the high school have swelled to about $5-million to add a new triple gym, science wing, cafeteria and other improvements.

The plan to replace VSS, previously proposed as an addition to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, has turned into a $2.3-million design for a new primary school.

In the past, the Ministry of Education has allowed boards to spend more than their approved allocation level, provided they pay the difference themselves, said Bradley.

But he is uncertain where the new commission, which hasn't yet been formed, will stand on the issue.

Until the reformed school board system is in place next January, boards have been prohibited from taking on any debts that extend beyond the end of this year without the go ahead of the commission.

It appears the board will have to wait for the commission to be assembled — after the necessary legislation has been passed — to get its approval to spend more than the allocated amounts on the two building projects, Bradley said.

And until the approvals are in place, Bradley will be recommending that the board puts its expansion plans on hold.

"Hopefully over the next two or three weeks we'll be able to get everything clarified," he said.

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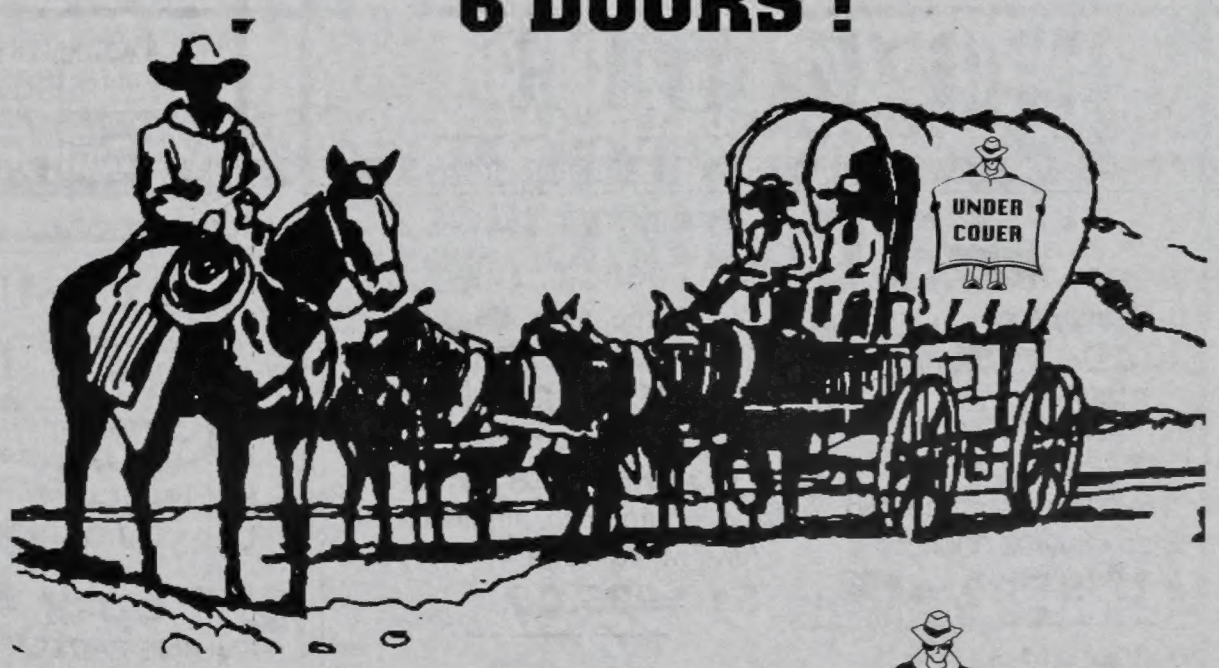

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HODGSON'S VIEWS ON "MEGA WEEK" CHANGES

"The problem is it's cruel to prolong this"

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Around Queen's Park, it was dubbed "megaweek."

A five-day barrage of announcements by Tory cabinet ministers outlining radical reforms that will affect virtually every resident in the province.

And by Friday, many Ontarians were feeling "mega weak" as they tried to comprehend the scope of the massive changes and the dizzying speed the government has set to launch them into motion.

The province has marked January 1, 1998 — less than a year away —with a series of overlapping red circles as the date when dozens of revolutionary initiatives will kick into gear.

The number of school boards will be cut in half.

Education funding will be removed from property tax and taken over by the province.

Municipalities will assume half the costs of providing welfare, day care and long-term care for the elderly in public nursing homes, such as Minden's Hyland Crest.

A new property tax system, called Actual Value Assessment, will be implemented, requiring properties to be assessed each year. The tax level will be based on the actual real estate market value of the property.

And these are only a few of the most significant reforms in store for the province.

Even many who voted for Ontario Premier Mike Harris and his Common Sense Revolution have been staggered by the prospect of waking up on New Year's Day to so many changes of such magnitude coming at them simultaneously.

But Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson disagrees with those who say the reforms are "too many, too fast."

"The problem is it's cruel to prolong this," he said Friday, during a stop at *The Echo* office. " ... The quicker we get through this and do it in a way that's compassionate, (the better)."

The faster the province can balance its budget and deliver Ontarians a lower income tax rate, then the faster the economy picks up, creating more job opportunities, he said.

"We've been in power for a year and a half. (These changes) don't go into effect until 1998. The budget will be balanced in 2,000. I don't think it's too fast," said Hodgson.

Changes to the way education is funded couldn't have come too quickly for Haliburton County's school system, he said.

Under the existing funding model, where the province gives out grants based on the area's property assessment base divided by the number of students, Haliburton would have continued to see huge grant cuts each year until it finally received nothing, said Hodgson.

Last year the board was facing a cut of nearly $1.2-million, or 56 per cent, until the Ministry of Education capped the reduction at $325,000 under an initiative to help smaller boards.

Without the cap, the school system would've been hurt badly, losing at least 20 full-time teachers, he said.

When the province takes education off property tax next year and assumes its costs, all boards will be given the same amount to spend per pupil.

"We want to make sure each student has access to quality education on a curriculum that's common throughout the province," said Hodgson.

As a trade-off for assuming the expense of education, municipalities will have to take over more costs for a number of "hard services," such as welfare and long-term healthcare, which ratepayers will have to cover through property taxes.

But that won't automatically translate to lower property taxes than under the current system.

Hodgson said the province is still looking at whether homeowners will actually see a reduction in their tax bills once all of the trade-offs have been made.

"It hasn't been determined that it will be less," he said.

However, he said the new funding system will allow the province to work at holding down the costs of education, which have risen by an average of five per cent annually over the past decade.

Hodgson said the province is also hoping municipalities will be able to co-operate and find efficiencies as they begin their new, more powerful roles that will keep costs down.

"We think that by giving them more control over hard services they can co-ordinate them even more and find savings," he said. " ... We're giving municipalities more flexibility to share services or amalgamate or to do whatever is needed to deliver better services at lower costs."

MPP Chris Hodgson

Hodgson said the province is being "more than fair" to take over education funding, which is projected to rise, while trading-off social assistance, which has been shrinking in cost.

The province will set up a $700-million fund to help municipalities through any unforeseen welfare increases. The fund will be increased to $1.9-billion within two years.

"That will kick in to alleviate any property tax increases."

While the province will maintain social assistance standards, municipalities will have more say in its delivery.

A similar fund, this one for $1-billion, will be set up to help municipalities cope with their new role funding 50 per cent long-term health care.

Some critics have argued small municipalities, sueh as the ones in Haliburton County, won't have the qualified staff or expertise to handle their greatly increased responsibilities.

But Hodgson believes they're up to the job.

"I'm not sure you need more people (on staff). You just need more innovative thinking on how to deliver these services."

Funding changes probably won't affect the DYMO bus

Operations of the DYMO bus will probably not be affected by the provincial funding changes.

At present, the bus, which is owned by Dysart et al for use by Dysart residents, gets $4,500 a year in provincial funding. Its yearly budget is $20,000 and part of that money is garnered through user fees.

Because the service is for people in wheelchairs, it may fall under specialized transportation and therefore be exempt from the funding changes. (The province has said it will no longer be subsidizing public transportation.)

However, that still leaves the question of who will pay the cost of replacing the bus. The municipality has been putting a percentage of revenues into a reserve fund for capital expenditures and it is not known if one-time grants will be available.

The bus at Hyland Crest for residents' use will not be affected by the changes because it does not receive a provincial subsidy. There is no other form of public transportation in the county.

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Local share for Hyland Crest rises

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County ratepayers can be expected to pay $1.2-million a year for Hyland Crest now that the province is cutting its grant in half.

Last year, the county levy for the county-owned senior citizens home was $512,000. Residents also contributed $735,000, and the province picked up $1.425-million. In 1998, half of that provincial grant will be picked up by property taxes.

"It's a lot to absorb in a short period of time... I imagine there will be a lot of meetings," says administrator Gary McKnight, adding that it's too early to tell what the exact figures will be.

"Our subsidy is geared to how much residents pay and that depends on their ability to pay. It's up and down from year to year."

Until recently, Hyland Crest was "red circled" by the province in response to its higher than average cost per day. Last year, the county signed a management agreement with Extendicare to get some of those costs down because it knew the red circling funding was coming to an end and the county would have to absorb the cost.

The agreement seems to be paying off. In expectation of savings, the county trimmed $129,000 off Hyland Crest's budget in 1996, and by year end, spending was over budget by just $4,000. In the 1997 budget, which has yet to be approved by county council, spending was trimmed by a further $200,000 for a total of $2,391,000.

Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor, who is chairman of Hyland Crest's management board, said it is expected that from January 1 to March 31, the province's daily share of the per resident cost would drop from $12.20 to $11.46. From April 1 to May 31, that will drop to $7.87. For the balance of the year, the province's allotment per day per resident will be $5.38. This takes into account the decrease in red circle funding and the across-the-board decrease of 50%.

"Extendicare's doing an outstanding job and I was happy with what they presented to us," Mavor said at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Extendicare feels it could save more money by switching the carrier for the home's employee benefit packages. Right now, Hyland Crest and the county get their package through the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce but Extendicare believes it has a carrier which would charge "considerably less."

The county will also look at cost comparisons before the next meeting.

Rural areas can dip into $1-billion fund

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well and general government. However, the provincial government says it recognizes small and northern municipalities will find these new responsibilities to be a heavy financial burden, so it is also setting up a perpetual $1-billion fund. Municipalities can apply for that funding as needs arise.

As Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe asked, "why fund $1-billion if the changes are supposed to be revenue neutral? Obviously there will be some problems here. It's obvious we won't be able to do the same thing with the same money."

Rabjohn said many comments on the changes were premature. "We can speculate endlessly but we don't have any answers. Tune in next week for news of further disasters."

Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon was a Queen's Park when the announcements were made. "Hopefully we can believe in (the Minister of Municipal Affairs' assertion) that it will cost taxpayers less. How they'll do that, I don't know."

Sewage/water funding changes don't affect county

There's at least one service transfer which has little local effect.

On Wednesday, the provincial government announced that "Ontario municipalities will be given full title to provincially-owned water and sewage treatment plants." That is, the municipalities will have to pick up the bill.

In Haliburton County, only three municipalities offer such services – Bicroft, Dysart et al and Anson, Hindon and Minden. All three municipalities own their services, which apart from one-time capital expansion grants, are paid for entirely by the users. Therefore, there is no funding burden to transfer.

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Southern neighbours express interest in becoming part of the Highlands

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's meeting of county council. Warden Murray Fearrey was ill so Sherborne et al Reeve Ross Rabjohn took the chair.

A Galway/Cavendish ratepayers group and five lake associations in the northern Peterborough County municipality want to become part of Haliburton County.

They say that given their topography and population mix of cottagers and permanent residents, they share more in common with the Highlands than they do with Peterborough County, which includes larger urban areas.

Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates says the request was discussed at a meeting of the Northern Community Network the previous night.

The cottage associations' primary motivation was a dislike of education taxes, but even now that education is becoming a provincial responsibility, they still feel there are advantages to a link with the Highlands, Bates said.

Galway/Cavendish council is divided on whether to even take on the issue, she added. Referendums are neither recommended nor recognized by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For the proposal to go ahead, it must first have that municipality's approval. Then it would go to the lower and upper tier councils of Haliburton County. Should they approve, it goes to Peterborough County council and Bates said it's believed this would be the largest stumbling block. If it says no, Galway/Cavendish can petition the province to have a commissioner come in to make a decision. The commissioner's decision would be binding, with no chance for appeal.

Busing objection goes nowhere

Glamorgan's hope of getting county support of its fight against the school board's new busing policy hit a few potholes and went into the ditch.

In a vote of 9-5 against Glamorgan's motion, most politicians said Glamorgan's problems with the busing changes were Glamorgan's problems, not theirs.

Glamorgan says the board's new rule of making children walk up to two kilometres before being picked up by a school bus "dramatically increases" municipalities' liability because it increases the risk to children who have to walk along municipal roads to catch a bus. The

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motion was in response to Glamorgan council's support of parents on the Tamarack Lake Road. Their children used to be picked up at the end of their driveways but now must walk to a common pickup point at the highway. A letter from Glamorgan's insurance company says that if there's an accident, Glamorgan's liability is increased. Glamorgan's motion also said that people who live on these roads are discriminated against because their children have to walk, and the properties have been devalued.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said "what makes the road more dangerous when they're walking to get a school bus than when they're walking to go skating or visit friends? Will you have to build sidewalks on all municipal roads?"

He says Glamorgan's motion would increase liability simply by saying the children are now at greater risk.

"The bottom line is it's between these people and the school board to make sure the pick-up point is in a safe place," said Bicroft Reeve Bill Howe.

"The school board is only responsible for the children when they get on the bus," said acting clerk Les Shepherd, who is also the county's roads engineer. "Why would the municipality be responsible as soon as the children walk out their door?

"If you're maintaining your road in the way you said you would, there's no worry on having to defend yourself (in a lawsuit)... Municipalities are responsible to set standards. To be in any position to defend yourself, you need public standards."

"If someone gets hurt, then everyone and their brother gets sued anyway," said Cardiff Deputy-reeve Doug Holman.

"I don't think anything we can do here will make any difference," agreed Stanhope Deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison, who was also concerned about stepping into the school board's jurisdiction since trustees are also elected representatives.

Barber report

All municipal councillors and staff are invited to a meeting at 1 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Haliburton Legion to hear Dave Barber give his report on the state of local finances.

Barber, a municipal and planning consultant, had been hired by the county to visit each of the municipalities to study where they spent their money and if there are any possibilities for savings.

His involvement came after county council decided one-tier (county) government was not an option and amalgamation did not garner much support. It's hoped municipalities may be able to share services as a way of saving money.

Roads

The roads department's budget will likely break even after all the bills for 1996 are paid. Winter maintenance costs are down by $160,000, partly because of the lack of snow in November and December, and also because of changes to one-man plows and a reduction of overtime.

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Single voice gives Highlands little say on new school board

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

With just one voice at the board table, local trustees fear people in Highlands will have little say on education issues when the school systems of Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka are combined next year.

The existing three boards — each consisting of 15 trustees — will be eliminated in the fall under a provincial plan to cut the number of school boards to 66 from 129.

A new board with between five and 12 trustees is to be voted into office during the municipal election in November.

Though the Ministry of Education hasn't released an official breakdown of how many trustees will represent each area, Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson told The Echo it's likely Haliburton County will have just one trustee on the amalgamated board, based on the area's population.

And that has some trustees worried Haliburton County will have little influence or input on decisions made by the new board.

"Local representation is a big concern to me right now," said board chairwoman Cheryl Murdoch. "... If we only have one or two or three trustees, I think it will be totally critical that they've very vocal and speak out on issues. There's no doubt in my mind that we'll be outnumbered."

Minden trustee Wendy Ladurantaye said she knows constituents who haven't followed educational issues closely themselves because they trust their elected trustee to represent their best interests.

But that will be much more difficult if there's just one trustee for the whole county.

"It will be a challenge for the voices," said Ladurantaye. "People are going to have to be watchful. They're going to have to watch a lot of this stuff for themselves very carefully."

Under the province's plan, school councils will take on a much bigger role, making decisions on issues such as educational programs, student discipline and methods of reporting students' academic progress.

And while Ladurantaye said school councils are "a step in the right direction" to involve parents, they don't leave room for the general public to have much of a say on education issues.

School council members must have a child attending the school affiliated to the council they belong to. There are also seats for a couple school and business representatives.

"Unless you're a parent, it takes your voice away to comment on education," said Ladurantaye.

Once the new boards are up and running, they will be serving a far different role than existing school boards, which look after everything from hiring teachers, to setting tax rates and writing classroom curriculum.

Trustees on the new boards will not handle the day-to-day operation of schools, instead dealing mainly with policy issues.

"A lot of the things we spent time discussing and debating in the past won't be there for the new boards to decide. They'll simply be told, 'This is the way it is,'" Haliburton's director, Brad Saunders, said at a special board meeting last week.

Ladurantaye argued the new system would leave boards impotent.

"If you just stamp everything the Ministry (of Education) tells you and you have no power, you're useless," she said.

Commission drains away board's power

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The date when Haliburton's school board will be scrapped may be 10 months off, but already much of its power has been drained by the province.

Virtually all major decisions the board now makes will first need a seal of approval from a new commission that will oversee the Ministry of Education's plan to eliminate nearly half of Ontario's school boards.

The province will begin assembling its five- to seven-member Education Improvement Commission once legislation to reduce the number of school boards becomes law.

"Boards, as of this moment, as of the passing of this legislation, don't have the kind of autonomy they once did," said Haliburton board director Brad Saunders.

The commission will possess far-reaching powers over virtually all aspects of school board spending.

And what the commission says, goes. No opportunity to appeal.

That's something Haliburton's board director says goes against the democratic process.

According to the proposed legislation: "The decisions of the Education Improvement Commission or a delegate of the commission are final and shall not be reviewed or questioned by a court."

"I find that really, really shocking that the government would pass legislation that would cut out the courts," Saunders said. "I thought that kind of thing went out in Germany in the 1940s."

Boards will have to submit their 1997 budgets to the commission for review and approval. And once they're okayed, they won't be able to deviate from them without further approvals.

Neither will boards be allowed to transfer money between their reserves.

As well, they will be prohibited from entering contracts or taking on debt that goes beyond December 31, 1997 without commission approval.

That could have a big impact on Haliburton's plans to expand the high school and build a new primary school. The board was planning to debenture to help pay for both projects. Now it appears the board will need the commission's blessings.

Business administrator Jim Bradley said it is understandable why the province wants the commission in place to oversee the transition to fewer boards.

"It's protecting the interests of all the amalgamated boards so that they don't overspend on their reserves, and I think that's fair," he said.

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Editorial

Out of the frying pan ...

THIS EDITORIAL is based on the premise that the system of government in Ontario, both municipal and provincial, is not perfect. There was and is need for change. It's also based on the fact that no one living in Ontario today has a crystal ball which can tell them how the massive changes introduced last week are going to work themselves out. So there will be no cry here of "it's the end of democracy!" It's too early to tell what's going to happen.

That said, however, based on past experiences, there are quite a few areas of concern for Highlanders.

Back in 1994, the PCs were elected because people were tired of high taxes. Many felt those taxes were paying for services they either didn't need or didn't want others to have. The PCs are living up to their promise to do something about those complaints and last week we witnessed the result. By shifting the tax burden for many services onto property taxes, the PCs have shown Ontarians just how many things their taxes did indeed pay for. They're also forcing Ontarians to decide how important those services are. In other words – put your money where your mouth is.

Unfortunately, over the past few years people have become accustomed to having those services. They were willing to let their provincial government go into tremendous debt to provide them. Wanting to be elected again, those governments provided those services by continually spending money it didn't have. The staggering annual $10-billion debt scared enough people into voting for the Tories.

Now that many of those services will be paid for through property tax, aka municipal governments, people should be even more scared. Municipal governments, unlike provincial and federal ones, cannot operate under deficit financing. It's simply not allowed. Services provided must be services paid for.

How are municipalities therefore going to be able to provide the same level of service? Getting rid of education from the property tax is one step, but given what the province is loading onto property taxes in exchange, it's more a waltz than a tango – one step forward, two steps back instead of moving fluidly in tandem. Some of the services to be paid in part or full by property taxes also have tremendous potential for growth in the Highlands, with its highly seasonal economy and high proportion of seniors – welfare and long-term healthcare.

One plus to having the services paid for on a local level is that local governments have always been the most responsible and parsimonious. The downside, of course, is that they are not moving targets like their federal and provincial counterparts. You know where to find your municipal councillor, and they will feel the heat when forced to make difficult decisions.

And difficult decisions there will be. Remember back to 1994, when the NDP government announced that in the name of greater local autonomy, the local health services board was going to be given the privilege of deciding where the capital expansion would be. Hurrah! What followed was two years of acrimonious and often personal debate. Cynics among us said the province deliberately gave the decision-making control to the local board because it knew a decision never could be made given the emotions behind the debate. Two and a half years later, we have yet to even begin construction. Fate or fatalism?

Now local boards and governments are going to be given even more services to debate about. With people already in a bad mood because of the recession, there's a good chance we'll now get fights between warring factions and interests. Cottagers, who long argued about paying property tax for a service they couldn't use, education, are now expected to provide the lion's share of the money for more services they won't benefit from. (They might not be able to benefit from the Highlands' rest and relaxation because for those who don't live in a new home in one of Toronto's suburbs, taxes will increase under the new Actual Value Assessment and they might not be able to afford a second home.) Out of the frying pan and into the fire. Locally the infighting could be equally strident.

But this editorial is an example of the province's wise manoeuvering. Among the measures introduced last week, there were dozens of items worth editorializing about. How do you do it in one space in one week? The argument gets diluted. The letters to the editor in the next few weeks should be... interesting. **M.P.**

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(b) Every citizen shall keep ready a hot poker and tar and feather buckets for the most embarrassing criminal apprehensions and disposal.

(c) Community police association members shall have permission to apprehend and hold criminals in their homes. (It is suggested that each member stock a supply of striped pajamas and TV dinners - all nail files should be discarded.)

3. Welfare cost cutting measures...

(a) Recipients could get nourishment from looking at food in grocery flyers.

(b) If Aunt Emma makes 75 cents at the church bake sale and doesn't declare it - charge her with fraud and cut her off.

(c) Make recipients look and feel stupid, worthless and lazy so that the idea of starving is more pleasant - therefore they won't apply.

(d) Spray paint bright red X's on theirs and their children's foreheads.

4. Healthcare cost cutting measures...

(a) Suffer, who cares?

(b) Perform all surgeries at home using sharp fishing knife and bailer twine (extra monies could be made by selling extra organs).

(c) Marry a doctor.

5. Job opportunities list for Haliburton County...

(a) Scooping dog dung at sled dog derbies.

(b) Heavy duty collection agent, for municipalities who need overdue taxes so they won't go bankrupt. Physical requirements - must be 300 lb., six-foot nine and scary with a large weapon.

(c) Become a moving target for bear hunters.

(d) Professional begging.

6. Political philosophies...

(a) Lay it all on the municipalities so he looks good.

(b) Only rich capitalists and corporate wealthy have a right to a meaningful existence.

(c) My kingdom, the Lord's, then the peasants...

(d) Film all PC commercials at hockey rinks so he looks like a nice average guy. Never let constituents see him in a tailored suit at the country club.

(e) Have his own float and marching band in every parade in Ontario.

Sheri Fallis Hawkins,
Scots Dam

Deputy-Reeve's comments paint bleak picture of area

To the Editor:

Dysart Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis' comments in a recent Toronto Sun story, leave me to wonder why we do not wait to see what the total government picture will be. In a year when the tourism business has been down for different reasons, why tell the people in the greater Toronto area, that we are in "dire straights," and that we could be facing tax hikes of 20% for the cost of the OPP. I think it would be better to create a positive approach to the overall picture and deal with the changes as they occur and not months ahead or based on information that perhaps has not been fully released.

In comparison, the District Chair of Muskoka, Gord Adams, said the removal of education costs from property tax bills makes picking up the tab for policing a piece of cake.

So let's think positive to change.

Bob Nichol Jr.,
Haliburton

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A little spiritual nurturing, please

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel

SO HERE I AM, sitting around, pouting, and bored. Feeling sorry for myself because I missed my third weavers' meeting this year. I hate missing those meetings. But my body did the asthma/sinus thing. It also spoke to me with wobbly knees and dizzy head, to pay attention and rest.

I missed all the neat stuff that took place last week. Just when the après-holiday slump was over, too. Here, we finally have some decent winter weather, instead of that slushy slop we waded through to all the Christmas festivities. Nice for hiking, cross country skiing. But instead of hiking, I'm hacking. Non-stop, no sleep, hack 'til your guts ache.

I wanted Rita to come take care of me. You know, like I took care of her when she had the flu, or croup, and chicken pox and mono.

I wanted somebody to soothe my fevered brow, bring me tea, fluff my pillows and make me soup. The regular nurturing routine that almost makes it worth being sick.

Well, she did come over one afternoon and made dinner for us when I was really woozy. That was nice. But then she had to go to work, and Ed had to go to work, so there I was fluffing my own pillows again. It was the first time I wished we had the TV back.

I was almost out of reading material. But then I remembered those old Bedtime Stories volumes I promised I was going to read myself before I read them to the grandchildren.

These old story books were given to me by my step-mother for Christmas of 1945. The first four volumes of these stories by Arthur S. Maxwell were written in 1924. He referred to himself as Uncle Arthur throughout the series. There are twenty volumes in all. Full of bedtime stories to help children from toddlers to young teens understand what they ought and ought not to do (with several Bible verses to prove the point).

I was an only child, and alone a lot. I still remember most of those stories. I knew which Bible verse fit each story. The further I reread, the more I knew that I had formed my own private life attitudes from these stories.

Uncle Arthur lived in Great Britain when the stories began. The stories came from everywhere, including England, Africa, India, China and America. They took place during the awful Depression, through to the horrors of World War II.

There were stories of very poor and very rich children. Stories about telling lites, sharing, answered prayers, bad language, kindness to animals, how to deal with bullies. All sprinkled with those very appropriate Bible verses.

I'm on the last book now. Obviously, society is a lot different than when I first read Uncle Arthur's bedtime Stories. Television had been invented, but nobody had one. Radios were the thing. Trains were the way to travel. Even short trips. Computers, and space travel were the stuff of science fiction.

But even though pictures of little girls in rag curls might set the granddaughters to giggling, and even though 1929 is practically the stone-age, I believe that the workings of any kind of decent society are still based on laws like the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. So, I think we'll take a chance on telling the kids some of these stories. Maybe we'll get into some stimulating discussions about then and now. Something's got to be better than Bart Simpson.

Some of readers might recognize a face or two in this photo, which has been taken from a book called Quite An Undertaking: The Story of Violet Guymer, Canada's First Female Lisenced Funeral Director. The photo shows Mrs. Guymer, who lived primarily at The Pas, Manitoba, with her daughters, Lily and Lorrie, who married Bob Newstead. The Newsteads spent many summers in the Highlands at their cottage with their daughters Barbara and Betty, also shown. Clara Newstead of Gooderham is the late Bob Newstead's sister, and it's her sister-in-law and niece, Lorrie and Betty, who wrote the fascinating book.

Pic of the Past

Going a little bit squirrely

DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE evenings when John did not feel like doing much of anything. Nothing appealed to him, so he decided to call his old girlfriend Mabel. Their relationship had ended a few years ago and they had been able to remain friends.

Mabel had two young sons, now both in school and she was a good person to talk to about almost anything from taxes to books, recipes to the environment. In fact, with Mabel you never knew where the conversation would end up. John dialled her number and one of the youngsters answered the phone. It took a few minutes before Mabel came on the line and she sounded out of breath.

She told John there was a squirrel in the house. Her youngest had seen it on the top shelf of the cleaning closet and had come shrieking to Mabel. Mabel, who did not like rodents, was nonethe-less experienced with this type of situation, having already dealt once before with a squirrel in the house. She knew she needed to remain calm and try to guide the animal out of the house. Unfortunately her dog and cat had different ideas.

John could tell from Mabel's voice that despite her best efforts she was feeling frustrated and stressed so he tried to help by offering suggestions. He asked if she could throw a towel over the squirrel and then pick it up safely. Mabel explained that the squirrel seemed to prefer the highest shelves in the house and at the present time was perched on one where Mabel kept her favourite crocks, jars and antique bowls. Throwing anything into such an area could be tricky, to say the least. In addition, Mabel said her own past experience had shown that if pursued or even approached, squirrels tended to shoot about in unpredictable, chaotic directions that usually sent anything in close proximity flying. Things could get messy, broken and bent.

Mabel went on to explain that the reason she was sounding a little winded was because seconds before John called, the squirrel had, for some unknown reason, made a dive at Mabel's head. She had looked up to see this wild-eyed creature, front paws reaching, back legs stretched, flying towards her face with every hair of its fur standing straight out from its compact body. With a scream she had managed to duck, the squirrel then landing not on her but onto the laundry hamper which then fell over and the black lab gave chace across the bed, through the dining room and into the kitchen.

John could hear the chattering of the squirrel as it perched, quivering, on an exposed beam running across the ceiling. Mabel explained that red squirrels were the worst for noise and viciousness. "They're quite vulgar, really," she said. John smiled, knowing that Mabel had never met a squirrel she liked, vulgar or not.

The kids were enjoying the excitement immensely. Bedtime had already been delayed half an hour with no resolution in sight. Mabel was feeling close to her wits end and John racked his brain for a suggestion that might help. Based on the concerns about damaged dishes that Mabel had already expressed, he was at a loss.

To his surprise, he realized Mabel did not expect him to have any solutions. When he asked her what she had done the last time a squirrel found its way into the house, she said that in the end she had made an obstacle course that had forced the animal out of the house. She had blocked off all routes except one leading to an open door, then had sat back and watched. In this way the exhausted animal had finally virtually crawled outside. She was never sure if it had survived its ordeal of confinement.

As she stated to John, when she saw squirrels in the bush, they seemed like nothing special. They were just little squirrels and she never gave them a thought. But when they were inside, trapped as it were, they could be quite fearsome. Suddenly she saw them for what they were, wild animals. It showed her how much better it was to let even the small wild things live as they were meant to, outside and in their own places. They were not dangerous there. But when they became trapped in her world, watch out!

Women's Emergency House gives back to generous community

To the Editor:

Once again we are overwhelmed by the generosity of the residents (full time and seasonal) of Haliburton County!

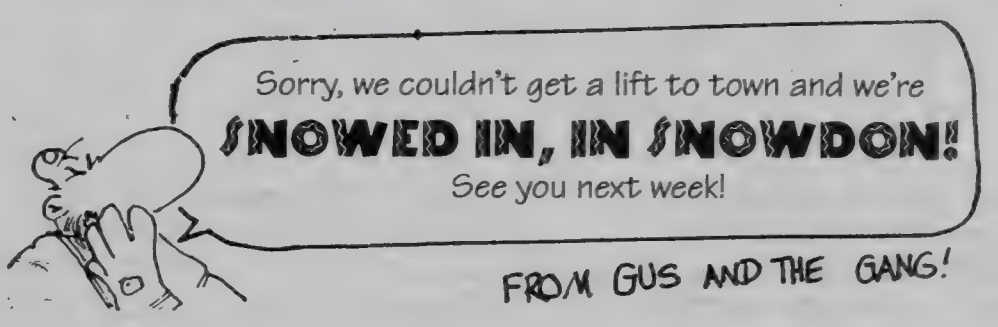
The donations of clothing, household items and furniture to SIRCH Women's Emergency House have continued on a regular basis and we are presently "overstocked" with clothing and some household items. The intent of those who donated these articles was to assist individuals/families who were in immediate need and we feel it is important to comply with these wishes.

Therefore, on Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., clothing and small household items will be available to the community. There will be no charge for the items (although cash donations to SIRCH Women's Emergency House are always appreciated), and everyone is welcome!

Thanks again to the many men, women and children who have taken the time and effort to donate the clothing, toys, furniture and household items. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden for graciously providing the Hindon Room (Minden Community Centre) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for this day.

Sheila Whiting,
Co-ordinator,
SIRCH Women's
Emergency House

Boonieville
by Charlie Teljeur



2nd Entry PeeWees make tourney final

by DAVE BROWN

Haliburton Huskies hosted their 2nd Entry tournament this weekend. The following teams braved the frigid cold to attend: Uxbridge, Brampton, Fenelon, Essa, Orillia, Lindsay and Ennismore. There was a lot of exciting hockey with the majority of the games very evenly matched.

Haliburton first faced off with their 'rival' from Fenelon. The Huskies took the play to the Fenelon end in a fast and fairly hard hitting first period that ended scoreless. It was not until the last 41 seconds of the second that Haliburton pulled ahead by one when Adam Tomlinson and Ryan Emmerson set up Adam Henry. Joel Potter made some excellent saves to keep Fenelon off the score sheet. The Huskies kept the pressure on Fenelon for the remainder of the game and won 1 - 0, putting them in contention for the A finals in this four-division tournament.

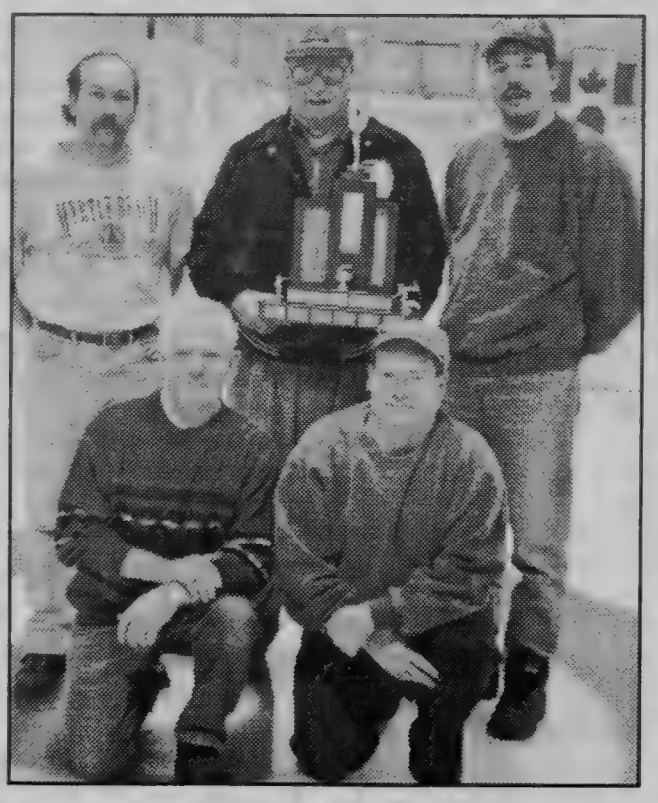
By 1 o'clock the Huskies were back to meet Lindsay. The first period was fairly even, fast-paced and hard-hitting with no scoring. Once into the second Lindsay took a couple of penalties which the Huskies capitalized on to put them ahead by one. Adam Henry scored assisted by Justin Sharpley and Alex Judge. The third opened up with Justin Sharpley and Ryan Emmerson sending Adam Henry in on a break to pick the corner. A couple of minutes later Lindsay out-muscled a couple of Huskies to score. Only 17 seconds later Adam Henry got a natural hat trick set up this time by Ryan Emmerson. Still undaunted, Lindsay scored again making it a 3 - 2 game in Haliburton's favour with less than 4 minutes left. Lindsay pulled their goalie and Jamie Doan and Alex Ambridge sent Darren Kirkpatrick in to pop an empty 'netter'. Adam Henry finished off the scoring deking out the Lindsay netminder with only one second left in the game. This 5 - 2 win moved Haliburton into the A finals. Great game.

Back at 7 p.m. the Huskies met the Ennismore Eagles for the A finals. Once again the first period was fast and aggressive. Alex Ambridge gave Haliburton a first period lead after popping in Adam Tomlinson's rebound from the point. The second period was not to be so successful as the long day took its toll on the Huskies. The Eagles' depth on the bench gave them the extra energy to put the pressure on the weary Huskies. Even so, Haliburton came out of the period only trailing by one.

Into the third the Huskies picked some but were unable to overcome the deficit while Ennismore managed two more goals. All in all, a good game with Haliburton ending up the finalist in the A division in a very competitive tournament. Good work Huskies.

Orillia beat out Lindsay for the B division, Essa won in overtime beating Fenelon for the C division and Uxbridge topped Brampton for the D division.

38th Skyline Bonspiel draws 32 rinks to town



C CHAMPIONS: Above, the chairman of the popular bonspiel,Wayne Hussey, centre, presents the Haliburton Home Hardware trophy to this rink from Uxbridge: Don McGregor, Randy Grant, skip Greg Timbers and Barry Timbers. Hussey notes that Raymond Scott has been participating in the bonspiel since it started 38 years ago. He also thanks the sponsors for their continuing generosity.

SKYLINE CHAMPIONS, left: The 38th annual Skyline Men's Bonspiel attracted 32 teams to the Haliburton Curling Club over the weekend. In the A finals, it was a match between Dave Gray's rink from Haliburton and Paul Hillaby's rink from Haliburton Lake. The Lakers won. Here, Jim Scheffee of Haliburton Lumber presents the trophy to, from left, kneeling: Darrell Browne and John Rumney. Standing: Wes Draper and Paul Hillaby.

B CHAMPIONS, below left: Joe Iles presents the Curry Motors trophy to the B Champion rink from Oshawa. Kneeling are skip Bill and Dave Wright. Standing Glenn Abbey and Jeff Gray.

D CHAMPIONS, below: Art Dawson presents the Dawson Insurance trophy to the rink from the Boulevard Club in Toronto. Kneeling are skip Bill McKay and Wayne McIlmoyl. Standing are Keith Emery and Bob Pugsley.

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Major Tykes show their style beating strong Sunderland club

Husky Major Tyke Talk
by Vince and Chris Duchene

A new team with an excellent record, and another one bites the dust!...Yes folks, the Sunderland Red Wings visited the Husky Major Tykes' barn on the weekend sporting an awesome record of only one loss this year.

Tyler Watson was the Huskies' most aggressive and dominant player in this game. He opened the scoring off a nice pass from Kenton Winn. Sunderland swarmed our boys after that and dominated the second period scoring two goals to take the lead. If it wasn't for Ian "The Cat" Sachs, the score would have been too far out of reach to come back from. Tyler then scored a great goal to watch. He was flying down his off wing when Ryan Scheffee hit him with the pass.

Sunderland took the lead again in the final frame but Tyler responded after being fed in front of the net by Matthew Duchene. Our defensive game was awesome all around. Mitchell Vasey's line, which included Kyle Evans and Dallyn Smith, kept pounding their defense trying to find weaknesses. Curtis Barker and Max Ambridge were tenacious in defending our lead. As the third was winding down, Devin Hunter had the crowd on its feet as he walked in all alone, whistling the winning goal off the goaltender's head. What a goal and what an incredible game to win. Assists in this game also went to Cody Hodgson with three and an excellent effort throughout the game and Mitchell Vasey with one.

This weekend the Major Tykes face Lindsay Ops, a first-time match with Woodville, the only team to beat Sunderland besides Haliburton, and another rematch with the Bracebridge Bears who handed us our only defeat of the season so far. It should be an exciting weekend of hockey.

BITING INTO THEIR JOB: Ryan Scheffee, Dallyn Smith, Kenton Winn and Devin Hunter of the Haliburton Major Tykes were at Haliburton IGA last Saturday helping to sell cookies as part of Minor Hockey Month at the store chain. A portion of the cookie sale proceeds will support local minor hockey.

Peewee Huskies can't dial in Fenelon's number, despite consistent strong play

by DAVE BROWN

The 2nd Entry PeeWee Huskies met with their rivals from Fenelon Falls on Tuesday evening. The first period was a little 'scrambly' with the puck seeming to have a mind of its own. While the play was fairly even in this period, Fenelon managed to pull ahead by one when the puck, on an odd bounce off the boards, slipped through the defencemen and goalie to give Fenelon a wide open net.

The play picked up quickly in the second period with the Huskies pressing their opponents for most of the period. Haliburton had a couple man-advantage opportunities but could not get the puck past Fenelon's netminder.

Once into the third the Huskies totally outplayed Fenelon but the elusive tying goal could not be found.

It will be a good game for the supporters on Saturday when we meet Fenelon again in our tournament here in Haliburton.

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Now, people ask me, Mike, why are you sitting here in a cold rink instead of the cosy confines of your fancy office? Simply put, I know that Ontarians love their hockey and for them to sit through a two-minute commercial with me in it, I needed something to attract their attention. Besides, who could pass up the opportunity to travel to Wilberforce on a Thursday night and watch the W.O.H.L. Look what happened this week!

In game on the Clarkson Plumbers were to take on Whitney. Unfortunately, the Whitneyites were unable to make the game. A team from Bancroft was assembled so that the Plumbers could have an exhibition game. There was no report of a score in this one but the boys skated round and round and kept their old bones limbered up.

In game two, Apsley met Bancroft Canadian Tire. It was 2 - 1 after one for the Tiremen, Lloyd Peters and Ralph Keeler finding net; Bill Roter had Apsley's tally. It was three all after two. Peters notched his second for Bancroft, Roter also got number two and Kim Dunford a single. In the third, C.T.C. exploded for six to Apsley's one, to end it Tiremen 9, Apsley 3. Rounding out the scoring for Bancroft was Peter Whitehead, Bill Fransky, each with one, and four goals came from unnamed players. They probably weren't old enough to sign their names yet. For Apsley, Bill roter rounded out his hat trick.

The headline for game three could have been, "Hawks, Pound, Pummel and Purée Ponders." The Hawks were flying in this one from the opening buzzer, scoring 11 goals before the Ponders got on the board. The Golden ones had only two more to the Hawks' one, to make the final, Haliburton 12, Wilberforce 3. Leading the Hawks' scorefest was Rick Wood with five, Steve Roberts and Dan Ambridge had two each, singles went to Glen Sharpley, Bob Woodcock and Derrell Stamp. Finding net for the paraplegic Ponders was Perry Best, Rolland Pellteir and Jim Alden.Next week the old boys do it again, get out and cheer on your favourites. After all, it's just commonsense!

BIG SHOOTERS: The netminders had their hands full on Sunday evening when Vasey Insurtance met Elstone Motors in Haliburton men's hockey league action. Vasey won the game 12-6.

Novice B's keep winning:

Three games, three victories by hot scoring team

by GREG METCALFE

January 5th's Novice B game against Minden saw the Huskies jump out to an early lead on goals by Kevin Crofts and a coast-to-coast goal by Ryan Bottum. Minden then tied it up and the game carried on this way - we'd score, they'd score. Minden tied it with 1:55 to go. Dylan Metcalfe saw red on a beautiful pass from Jenny Perrott, and bulged the twine. That's how it ended, Huskies 5, Minden 4. Assists to Connor MacMillan and Benton Brown.

The Huskies then went to Wilberforce, firing on all cylinders, coming out on top of a 5 - 0 score. Goal scorers were Dylan with two; Jamie Timbers, Clayton Hodgson and Josh Mayhew with singles; assists to Ryan, Benton, Jeff Burk, Josh and James Jowett. Adam (Cujo) Trueman got the shutout.

In Bobcaygeon the Huskies mauled the Cougars into submission. What passing and defence! All year our defence of Jenny Perrott, Ryan Bottum, Jeff Burk, Greg Nimigon and Connor MacMillan has been the backbone of this team, rarely making defensive zone mistakes. Final: Huskies 6, Cougars 0. Goals were by Dylan with four, and Jamie Timbers and Clayton. Another shutout by Adam gives him nine on the year and a minuscule 1.75 GAA. Way to go Cujo.

The Falcons came to town on January 12. The Huskies were passing like their sticks were shotguns and downed the Falcons 4 - 1. Most of the game was spent in their end. A few players were snake bit. But not Clayton who popped four goals. Benton had two assists; Ryan, Connor and Jenny with one.

Dylan Metcalfe got his 50th goal on January 4 in just 26 games. Way to go pick.

NOTICE OF MEETING

To select the Progressive Conservative Candidate for the Federal Riding of Victoria-Haliburton
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Young skiers keen

by BLAKE PATON

One of the great things about cross-country skiing is that almost anyone can participate. This week I touch on a number of recent events which are involving people of all ages in our tremendous sport.

Night skiing is back at Glebe Park for another season, and many members of the Haliburton Ski Club gathered on January 10 to greet the new skiing season. Pleasant temperatures and fast snow made the event a great start to the season. Thanks go to Pat Cummings and the Brogdens for their organizational efforts.

For those wondering about the sanity of those who go 'round and 'round the lit loop at Glebe Park nightly from 5 to 10 p.m., night skiing is a very pleasant way to spend part of an evening. Furthermore, this type of resource will ultimately develop better skiers and contribute to our elite provincial and national teams. Imagine the state of hockey in this country if players were limited to daylight hours only! Also, I was delighted by the amount of young skiers who were using the lights that night.

Many of the same youngsters showed up for the first Jackrabbit meeting the following day. 28 keen skiers are part of this great program this year, and I think that is probably a club record. Thanks should go to Jane Heyes, Cathy Darlington and Eva Griffith for running the excellent skill-developing fun and games for our emerging ski heroes.

Moving up a generation, the HHSS ski club attended the second race of their season on Tuesday, the 14th, at Lakefield College. Ainsley Heyes gave the competition a lesson by winning the Senior Girls' individual race by two minutes! More importantly, though, the team showed its depth by winning the team standings in the Senior and Midget Girls' divisions and by taking second in all other categories. Team relays are one of the most exciting ski competitions, though people sometimes forget that skiing is also a team sport. Congratulations go to all participants on the team.

Minor Tykes enjoy good games at one day tourney in Baysville

The Minor Tyke Huskies travelled to Baysville on the weekend for their second tournament of the year, and while the weather outside was cold the competition in the arena warmed up everyone.

In the first game the Huskies met up with the Barrie Master Level Team, a Major Tyke team of seven-year olds. The local boys, undaunted by the size of their opponents, opened the scoring with a fine effort by James Roberts who fought off two defenders. Barrie tied it up after three brilliant saves by David Pereko. Midway through the second, Haliburton jumped back into the lead when Jesse Stoughton fed a perfect pass to Jesse Woodward. Barrie tied it up late in the second and after that both teams had great chances but Barrie got the lucky bounce and took the lead and the win 4 - 2.

Before the second game, organizers held a skills competition and a number of Huskies took part and again against older boys, the local lads performed admirably and had a lot of fun.

Game two saw the Huskies against Barrie Paulmac. Mac Trueman was in the nets and played his usual excellent game stopping a very high number of shots. We had our fair share of shots but just couldn't beat the Barrie netminder and finally after a series of excellent saves the Barrie team scored and the Huskies' day was over..All in all the Tykes should be proud of their performance and their attitude.

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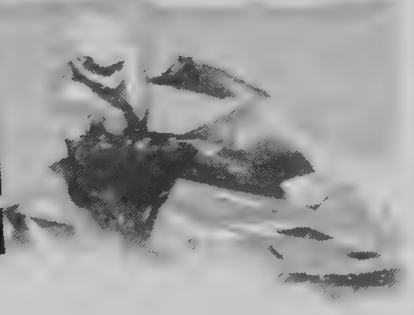

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Rocket Bantams put pressure on Blades

by SUE CLARKSON

On January 11 the Rocket Bantams hosted Beaverton. It was an excellent first period of play with only two penalties for each team and no goals though there were a number of opportunities. The Rockets were up by two to zip by the time the third rolled around. The Blades notched their first marker then and near the end of the game the Rockets gave Beaverton a 5-on-3 opportunity and they capitalized to get within one. With just fifteen seconds left in the game Beaverton was able to tie it up on their power play. Final score: 3 - 3. Rocket offence couldn't mount much of an attack in the third as they were too busy in the penalty box. Brent Bolger scored from Lindsay Logan, Adam Passaretti netted one from Ricky and Ian Brown and Garrett Kemp scored one.

On Sunday we travelled to Sutton for a game at 10:30 a.m., ugh. This being the fourth game in five days could really test the team. The Rangers tallied two five-minute majors with game misconducts before the end of the second - one for trying to take Jason Woodcox's head off with a stick and the other for hitting Asia from behind. One of those opportunities resulted in a goal by Ricky from Shane Parks. Then Sutton scored a short-handed goal to tie the tame. After the break the Rockets continued to deluge the Sutton end with shots until a Jason Woodcox banged one in.

Fenelon Falcons soar to win over Wilberforce Atoms

by SUE CLARKSON

Fenelon Falls came to the Wilberforce Atoms' neck of the woods for the second time in a week. The Rockets didn't show too much effort in this match with the Flyers getting doubles in each period of play resulting in the Rockets' first shutout in league play this year, and hopefully the last. There wasn't much teamwork this day and too many penalties as well. Thanks to Shawn Crowder from our Novice team who assisted the team on defence. Final score: Fenelon Falls 6, Rockets 0.

The Rockets travelled to Manvers for an exhibition game arriving with a rather shortened bench - three players away, giving the team only one player in reserve. The boys worked hard in the first but with basically no line change. Manvers notched the first goal. Reinforcements then arrived from our Novice team straight from another game. Thanks to Kanan Quibell and Shawn Crowder. Manvers tallied one more in the second, but Darren Mantifel was able to score an unassisted goal to bring the team within one. But by the end it was 4-1 for Manvers. We all look forward to more teamwork and having a full bench in the final games of regular season play.

OMHA Atoms in tough

by BRYAN BROWN

On January 3 the OMHA Atom Huskies kicked off the 1997 portion of their 1996-97 hockey season by hosting Millbrook, who is undefeated in league play. Unfortunately for the Huskies, this would prove to be one of those games when everything they do works and everything you do doesn't. Final score: Millbrook 12, Haliburton 2. Scoring for the Huskies were Adam Hutson on a break-away from Josh Brown and Ross Gerry from a face-off, assisted by Joel Cooper.

A week later the Huskies hosted Beaverton in a very chippy and controversial affair. Both teams take winning very seriously which often leads to both teams receiving a few penalties.

The Huskies displayed one of their most competitive and spirited efforts. However, they fell victim to Beaverton's power play. Nine times the Huskies found themselves short-handed and four times the Blades made them pay, in a 4 - 0 victory.

The Huskies got full marks for never quitting in a game that easily could have gone either way and next time probably will. The next action for the Atoms is the Liftlock Tournament in Peterborough.

When Rocket and Husky PeeWees meet, the action is fast-paced

by KATHY SHARPE

On January 5 the Rocket PeeWees hosted the Haliburton Huskies second entry team. The game was super fast paced. Billy Hunter, the Rockets' goaltender, was awesome, making many outstanding saves.

The first goal was scored with a slapshot from the blue line by defenceman Jason Kemp. The second, was from a backhand shot sent in through a crowd in front of the net by Rob Sharpe, assisted by Chris A. to break the tie. The next goal netted was from Chris A. with assists to Mike Jones and Chris Peacock. Again, it was Chris A. with his aggressive hockey style who shot another into the net, assisted by Jason Kemp.

In the third, Chris Alden was set up by Rob Sharpe and Jason Kemp to complete a natural hat trick. Way to go Chris! The last goal was another slapshot by Jason Kemp from the point.

This was a very exciting match for both teams and a joy for the spectators to watch. The teams were fairly evenly matched and all players on both teams played very well. The Rockets' forechecking was outstanding. Thanks to Jason Kemp for helping us out.

Final score: Rockets 6, Haliburton 2.

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A RECORD NUMBER of teams battled record cold temperatures this past weekend as hundreds of spectators flocked to Minden, Ontario for the annual Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby.

Despite the bone-chilling conditions, they came in droves to watch the best sprint class mushers in North America compete...and they weren't disappointed.

Perennial champions and past Minden winners Terri Killam of Northboro, Massachusetts and Lou Serre of Markstay, Ontario captured the eight- and four-dog titles, respectively. And in doing so they both set course records.

Killam completed the eight-dog course, a distance of eight miles, in 51:44.96 minutes. She was able to shave almost a minute off her Saturday time of 26:14.26 minutes with a Sunday run of 25:30.70 minutes to claim the title.

Serre ended the two days of racing, four miles each day, with a combined total of 30:27.67 minutes. His Saturday time was 15:18.99 compared with 15:08.68 on Sunday.

Serre also compete in the eight-dog event placing third with a time of 54:43.24 minutes.

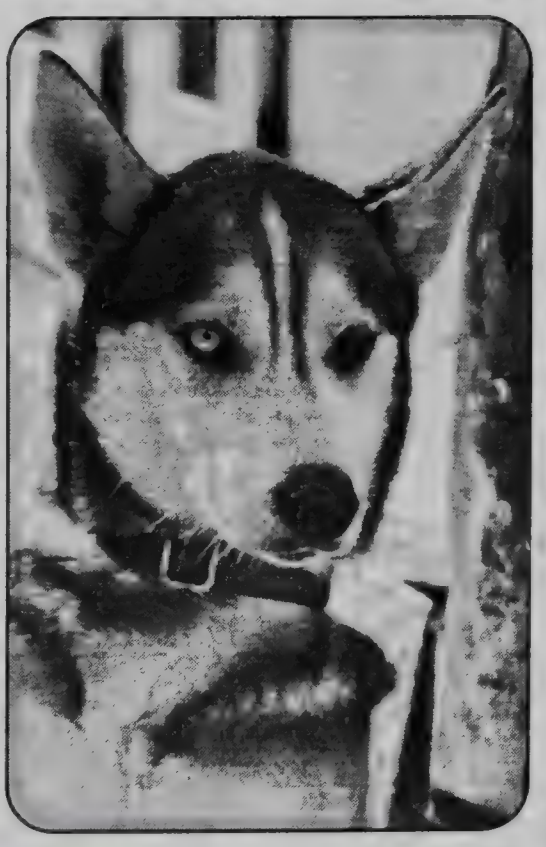
Killam's win was a decisive victory, with the second place team of Real Turmel of St. Augustin, Quebec some two and a half minute behind her total. He ran the distance in 54:05.25. Fourth place went to John Samburg of Paul Smiths, New York with a time of 55:06.41 while Lionel Petit of Gatineau, Quebec was fifth at 55:57.81.

Second place in the four-dog competition went to Clint Schiafone of Oak Ridges with a time of 31:35.37. Third was Gary Callaghan of Madison, Ontario at 31:40.21. Shirley Wolf of Gaylord, Michigan placed fourth with a time of 31:51.47 while Dawn Simmerman was fifth at 32:09.25.

There were 80 teams competing.

For their efforts, the top 20 mushers in each class took home over $25,000 in prize money and important points toward the International Sled Dog Racing Association's North American championships.

The mushers seemed pleased with the new course which eliminated some of the more challenging hills but also introduced several tricky turns.



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Fire issues dominate at Monmouth council

by KERRY RILEY
Special to The Echo

The following are brief reports of topics discussed at the January 13 Monmouth council meeting.

Fire Chief Gary Stoughton, and Deputy Chief Ted Nottage disagreed with Cardiff's draft fire agreement suggestion that fire calls which are subsequently determined to be false alarms be billed at a reduced, flat rate. Chief Stoughton pointed out that the veracity of an alarm can't be determined beforehand. An inspection sufficient to definitively rule out a fire can take as long as actual firefighting.

Cardiff had also requested that Monmouth relinquish the fire site upon arrival of the Cardiff crews. Chief Stoughton agreed with this idea, in principle. He believed, however, that Fire Code regulations stipulate that the first chief to arrive at the scene remains responsible for overseeing the entire operation, regardless of who arrives thereafter. He did not feel he could should liability for situations at which he was not actually present. Council will clarify this points.

Concerned Tory Hill ratepayer, Carman Coumbs, approached council to discuss prospective fire hall renovations. He disagreed with the direction council had taken during December's meeting. At the time, council had decided that plans for minor upgrading of the Tory Hill building's interior were worth pursuing, although no resolution was passed.

Mr. Coumbs felt that any short-term patch job was a waste of money. He reminded council that Tory Hill residents were entitled to reasonable fire facilities and their share of township spending. He believed that if council focused its creative energies on the problem, some way could be found to provide Tory Hill with a building substantial enough to permanently and adequately house the existing fire equipment.

Council conceded many of Mr. Coumb's points. However, Reeve Tallman explained their reluctance to launch any substantial initiatives until the future shape of fire protection services in the county is known. He noted that provincial announcements regarding ambulance and fire services, expected at the end of the week, would clarify the issue.

High Falls

After a short discussion, council passed a resolution agreeing to work with the MNR to negotiate transfer of the marine allowance at High Falls.

Hwy. 121 work

Council reviewed letters from the MTO, indicating that resident Ria Wade's complaint regarding her field access points had been resolved to the satisfaction of both parties. As well, the community centre entrance at Tory Hill will be paved.

Budget challenges

Council concluded with rueful plans to attempt to deal with the previously announced $29,130 reduction in their block provincial grant, during upcoming budgetary sessions. If simply absorbed by the township, this would represent a hike of 3.19%, or $31.95, on the average tax bill.

ROLL-OVER ON 118: Stanhope residents Zdzislaw and Barbara Milewski's pick-up truck rolled over after swerving off the road into the ditch along Hwy. 118 near the narrows between Maple and Grass Lakes during snowy weather Monday morning. Mr. Milewski was taken to Minden Hospital with minor injuries. The road was closed for about one hour as tow-truck operators, above, removed the vehicle.

CrimeStoppers may break students' "code of silence"

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's high school principal wants to begin a Crime Stoppers program to help break the students' "code of silence" and make the school a safer place.

Through Crime Stoppers, students who are normally reluctant to tell on each other could report crimes anonymously.

"Teenagers, God love 'em, they do this better than adults, they have a code of silence ... Even if they don't like each other, the stay silent," HHSS principal Gary Brohman told trustees at a recent meeting.

While the high school doesn't have the same level of crime many urban schools experience, Crime Stoppers could help it cut down on the fights, drug offences and vandalism that do go on, said Brohman.

"I think it would make our school a safer place, a better place," he said. "I think this would be a good venue to help me around the high school."

Brohman told trustees that the Minden detachment of the OPP and Lindsay Crime Stoppers Inc. are both eager to help start up the program at HHSS.

Fenelon Falls Secondary School has a Crime Stoppers program and has been pleased with its success, he said.

While Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to $1,000 for information, Brohman said he was told less than 10 per cent of the callers actually choose to pick up the money. "Most of them just want to help out."

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Mental health centre gets extra funding

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

"We feel this will keep more people out of the hospital because their counsellors will see the problems as they're escalating and be able to diffuse them," June Partridge says

With the arrival of a $200,000 cheque from the province's Community Investment Fund, the Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services centre will be better able to prevent crises rather than just try to cope with the aftermath.

"It's so exciting," says an obviously elated June Partridge, chairperson of the Mental Health Planning Group of Haliburton County. Her committee, which started as a support group for clients and their families, was instrumental in getting the funding which will pay for two intensive case managers at the Minden centre.

"We feel this will keep more people out of the hospital because their counsellors will see the problems as they're escalating and be able to diffuse them," she says. "The more the counsellors are working with a client, the more they'll recognize the symptoms early and do something about it. For people who have been diagnosed with mental illness, this funding is unbelievable."

Right now, some people don't get the help they need until they're in crisis because that's when they realize something is wrong. Crisis management is an important component of dealing with mental illness, but when the planning group asked clients what they felt was the biggest need in Haliburton County, case management was seen as a top priority. Crisis intervention was second and a place where clients could gather was third.

This funding has been a long time coming. Partridge says the group first heard of the new CIF program at a district health council meeting in the spring of '94. That November, they began working on their proposal, using a needs assessment study to determine the priorities. The proposal underwent five drafts before it was submitted in August 1995.

At the same time, problems with the local sponsoring agent, SIRCH, began to emerge, heightened when two therapists at the centre, which was then in Haliburton, were fired. There was a series of meetings, and as a result, sponsorship was given to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation. The Ministry of Health approved the CIF funding in August of '96 but wanted the sponsorship issue to be cleared up.

On November 1, HHHS opened the new counselling centre at Heritage Plaza in Minden. The executive director, Foster Loucks, felt it was important to have the new team working together from the start, so he hired one of the case managers. Hedging his bets, interviews were conducted for the second case manager but a final decision had not been made pending confirmation that the "cheque was in the mail." Loucks says he hopes the CIF funding will be retroactive to November, but he doesn't have the details yet.

He too is excited about the service the funding will allow the centre to provide.

"This is a program that envisions a lot of outreach, and that includes travelling (to clients' homes sometimes)," he says. "Often, people with mental illness are marginalized economically and socialized and they often don't have cars. It's really crucial to have people available for Gooderham, Wilberforce, wherever."

Clients or consumers can be visited at their home but much of the ongoing service will still be provided at the Minden centre.

"To me," says Partridge, "mental health reform can work with all of these things in place, but without any one of them, it would be a disaster."

The CIF funding is an annual grant. The program is part of the government's plan to switch care from institutions to people's home communities.

In his press release announcing the funding, MPP Chris Hodgson says "We need to make sure that supports are in place to keep people in our community as we make the shift to community-based care. I'm very pleased to respond to the needs of the seriously mentally ill people in our community."

Meanwhile, the mental health planning group invites people to put their name forward for a new advisory committee. Provincial rules require representation from consumers, consumers' families, service providers and the community at large. There will be advertisements in the paper to tell people how they can get involved.

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Job Fair lets co-op program shine

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

Co-op students from HHSS gathered into the boys gym last Monday, to participate in this school's first ever job fair.

Students represented their job placement with displays showing their work and various other items from their work place. Some even had videos portraying some of their work.

Angela Shaw, who worked at Haliburton Hair-dressers with Marion Teatro, even started cutting hair in the gym.

Greg Lewis, who had been working with Dwayne Lloyd at Haliburton Community Funeral Home, brought in a casket.

Co-op teacher Wanda Mole says "the highlight was the professionalism the students demonstrated in their displays of what was learned in the workplace. Also the interaction between the co-op students, the staff and the community. This is a partnership that can work to help educate our students towards real life expectations. Co-op teaches them commitment, responsibility and the demands from employers in a fast changing society."

Many came to see the displays in the gym, including employers, students and parents. Mrs. Eastmure's Grade 6 class, and Mrs. Kennedy's Grade 3 class came from JDHES.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. "The job fair is just great," says John Collins, a Grade 9 student.

Even parents felt it was a good idea. "It's good to see the students getting the experience," says David Chumbly, father of Bethany, a Grade 12 co-op student.

CO-OP IN FOCUS: It's not surprising that Shiloe Messe used photographs to illustrate what she learned during her work placement at Perfect Prints in Haliburton.

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Eight ladies gathered at the home of Audrey Hopkins for their monthly Ladies Missionary meeting, and prior to the meeting, enjoyed a pot luck lunch and prayer.

Earl Prentice and John Addison, who both had surgery some time ago, are doing really well, and are thankful for the wonderful doctors, who performed the surgeries.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Oscar Stewart, and to the family of the late Mike Armstrong, son of Bob and Joy Armstrong, whose funerals were last week. Oscar passed away at Haliburton and Mike passed away at Orillia.

Grant Hirstwood and George Hirstwood of Buller Road, Norland, Ron O'Conner and his mother Norma (Clara) Hall of Lindsay, all attended the funeral of the late Ruth (Morgan) McMurray at Stayner last week. Ruth was raised by Annie Hirstwood on the Buller Road until the age of 14 years. Ruth's mother was Clara Hirstwood so some of the older residents in the Norland area would remember her.

Also, some of our older residents may remember Alice Liscombe, a sister of the late Louella Liscombe. Alice was raised in Coboconk, and she was up in years, and passed away in Toronto last week.

Mrs. Blanche Halliday at Head Lake has been doing well since here fall, when she broke her hip. Also, Shirley Russell, wife of Ken Russell, is coming along well since breaking her hip.

Some very sad news - the wife of Rev. Jim Lantz of Elmville, was killed just before Christmas, when struck by a truck. She would be in her 40's and leaves young children behind, as well as Jim. Jim is the leader, or captain of the ship for the Mariners, a gospel sign ministry. Jim would appreciate your prayers.

Isobel Wessell had a nasty fall on the ice last week, had complications and needed hospital treatment, when a blood clot developed. She is coming along well now, and appreciates your prayers and inquiries.

The local IGA awarded a prize each week, just before Christmas, to their shoppers. You put your name, address and phone number on the back of your grocery tape and dropped it in a ballot box. The first week, Sue Magee won a turkey. I've mislaid other winners' names, but the last week I was the winner of a lovely tray of goodies from their bakery department. Thanks to Tom and Donna for the surprise gift.

Living in a small community one gets to know a lot of people who are truly great neighbours. Going back to when Ted and Diane Garells lived across from our barn, and ranch, to Gord and Gayle Munro, to the present owners of the property, Keith and Cathy Beer, each family have been the greatest! They have been so kind to us - seniors - cutting grass by barn driveway, shovelling snow, and have even helped round up horses that managed to get out on us! On Sunday, Keith was out with his tractor and snowblade, and even came down to the house to shovel out the snow! Thanks so much, Keith, Gord and Ted and your families!

Rev. Art Bartlett of Lindsay was in town on Monday renewing acquaintances.

Mrs. Lily Peel passed away at Lindsay a few days ago. She had lived most of her life in our area, and stayed on alone in her farm home on the Argyle Road, south of Bolsover, for some time after her husband died. I used to enjoy my little visits with Lily, and have many fond memories of her.

I know this column has been full of a lot of doom and gloom, but I know readers of the Coboconk news want to know what has been happening here.

Maybe readers will be happy that the Harris government is going to stop adding the school taxes on our tax bill. However, we will likely have something just as bad to replace the cuts: so don't get too comfortable! We'll all pay!

To all those who have beautiful snowmobiles just waiting to be reved up, enjoy this snow! We have lots of the fluffy stuff, and while it makes a lot of people happy, I'm praying for no more of it!

There have been lots and lots of people sick with flu, colds and fever and sick stomach.

Sympathy to Claire Brooks at Lutterworth Pines in the death of her daughter, Shirley, in Toronto.

Tradition celebration would've done poet Robbie Burns proud

WILBERFORCE *News*

Hilda Clark

Robbie Burns' birthday was celebrated at a pleasant gathering at the Wilberforce Legion on January 18. A week before the actual date, January 25, but The Poet would have enjoyed the occasion, I'm sure. Piper George Kerr of the Bancroft Pipe Band led in the steaming haggis carried by Vicky Shcherbak. Ian Scrimgeour recited the Burns' poem in his address to the haggis, pierced it open, and then with Piper George toasted it in true Scottish tradition. Diners then enjoyed the haggis and traditional 'taties and neeps as part of the roast beef dinner which was ably prepared and tastefully presented by the L.A. Marion Clark and Betty Hall are getting to be pros at making the haggis. After dinner the Harcourt dancers entertained with the Highland Fling, a fine lilt, a gentle, flowing flora, the lively Sword Dance, and the ever popular Hop Scotch Polka. Jessie and Amie Swan performed pleasingly in solos and duets. Jessie led younger dancers Melanie Anderson, Ann Couvert, Samantha Dunford, Jocelyn Donaldson, Katy McDonald and Ashley McDonald in some of the group pieces. Thanks to Kathy San, Amie and Jessie for their leadership in this dance group, and to them and all the youngsters and their parents for an entertaining program. Following pipe music, accompanied by drummer Greg Vardy, some dancing and friendly visiting was enjoyed.

In last week's column I gave Pat Gallen five years! Pat was actually celebrating his 85th birthday!

The sympathy of the community goes to the family of Marie (Ackley) Yabsley who died suddenly in her sleep. Marie grew up in Wilberforce, married and lived here throughout her life. She and her late husband Merville raised three daughters, Sheila, Sharon and Shirley. She was very fond of her grandchildren and especially pleased to have been a great grandmother. She will be missed by her family, her neighbours and her friends at the Monmouth Seniors.

Best wishes to Jean Thomas and Robert McAuley for many years of happiness together. They were married recently in a private ceremony and will rededicate their vows in March. They will reside in Cardiff.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the United Church on Sunday, February 2, 1997 between 9 and 11 a.m. followed by the regular service with special music by the Gentlemen of Song and Claire Burt.

Couple travels to Jamaica for wedding ceremony in the sun

by ELEANOR COOPER
West Guilford Notes

Congratulations to Skye Austen and Kevin Forbes on their marriage on January 11 in Ochos Rios, Jamaica! The bride's gown and the mother of the bride's (Laurel Yateman) gown were fashioned by David Pequegnat with finishing touches by Laurel.

Bert and Nila Cowen are home after a month's visit, which included Christmas, with Kendra and Bill Stamp and grandchildren, Billie-Joe and Danielle at Davenport, Florida.

Lou and Yvonne Vesh have returned from two weeks in Arizona where they visited Yvonne's family, Dennis, Shawn and Trae Vaillant in Scottsdale. They also toured around the state to various points of interest: Tuscon, Glendale, Sedona and Chadler, to name a few.

Twelve men attended the monthly breakfast at the West Guilford Baptist Church. The Rev. Paul Benson spoke on the importance of sharing talents as well as the word of God.

The sad news has just come of the death of Wes Stata, beloved husband of Ev Stata. They were former long-time residents of West Guilford. Our hearts go out to Ev and their son and daughter in this time of great bereavement.

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Lakeside Baptist Church holds 50-day Spiritual Adventure

Lakeside Baptist Church of Haliburton will be working together on a 50-Day Spiritual Adventure designed to make their church family more Christ-like. Entitled, "The Church You've Always Longed For: What You Can Do to Make it Happen," this spiritual growth event will run from January 26 through to March 16.

The church joins thousands of congregations across North America working on this very same topic during the same eight weeks. The 50-Day Spiritual Adventure was created by The Chapel Ministries, a non-denominational Christian outreach. An annual event, this year's topic was developed with the input of thousands of pastors and lay people across North America to be certain it met the needs of today's church people.

Each 50-Day Spiritual Adventure is built around eight weekly themes. This year the Adventure will focus on eight specific ways to make any church a more inviting place to belong and worship. The themes and dates are:

Working at being a caring family, January 26; Capturing the heart of the community, February 2; Welcoming all people, February 9; Empowering each individual, February 16; Modelling integrity, February 23, Serving a broken world, March 2; Encountering the living God, March 9; Anticipating a great future, March 16.

In addition to the weekly themes, resources are available to help those who want to go deeper in their Christian life.

Lakeside's Pastor, Brian Plouffe, says, "No church is perfect but if we truly work at being the people Jesus wants us to be, we believe He will use us to show His love to others." Pastor Brian encourages anyone who would like to become a part of the adventure to visit Lakeside, which is located on Park Street, or call a457-2851 for more information. Weekly worship services are held on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

MapleFest organizers planning for 'sweet success' in new rite of Highlands' spring

After the "sweet success" of last spring, the organizers of the second annual Haliburton County MapleFest 1997 are truly excited about this spring's sap attractions!

Set for March 28 through April 6, the entire county is encouraged to be involved in MapleFest in order to turn one of the area's slowest tourism seasons into a celebration of spring.

Along with the delicious treat of pancakes and maple syrup, maple syrup producers, artisans, craftspeople, local businesses, churches, service clubs, museums and galleries, lodges and restaurants have joined together to arrange a Maple Tour unique to the Highlands of Haliburton.

Head Lake Park will be a beehive of activity for the kids. Sir Sandford Fleming College's Eco-tourism students are planning puppet and magic shows, clowns, balloons, face painting, the John Knight Dog Sled Display plus lots more. The hope is to make MapleFest 97 a "kid oriented" event!

Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre will be a big drawing card with their "Wolf Howls" and the Frost Centre's displays are always popular with all ages. The Kinmount Lions Club is promoting their model railroad in the setting of an antique train station and they will have their blacksmith shop open.

In the planning stages at the moment, a large Arts and Crafts Show should give an outlet for creative talent that is abundant in the county. Please watch for details.

Information centres will be open at all times during MapleFest hours in Kinmount, Minden and Haliburton. Volunteers would be appreciated from the county to staff these centres.

The MapleFest Committee would like to extend an invitation to all persons, organizations or businesses to participate in this spring-time promotion. The $50 entry charge puts your business or event on the official MapleFest Brochure Tour Map. Involvement has been proven to be a real factor in local business growth. It is not too late to participate! As the brochure soon goes to print, anyone interested in taking part should quickly call one of the committee members listed below:

Co-sponsor of this year's event, Rock 95, has arranged an extensive radio package which offers low cost advertising on a share basis with MapleFest 97 to anyone who wishes. Local media are giving freely of their expertise. The committee is encouraging ALL local businesses to advertise along with MapleFest participants.

The MapleFest 97 Committee consists of Chairman Eric Thompson - 457-3657, Vice-Chairman Tom Dawson - 286-3202, Secretary Grace Clement - 457-3754, Treasurer Louise Berry - 286-3705, and Director Jean Tyler - 457-2214.

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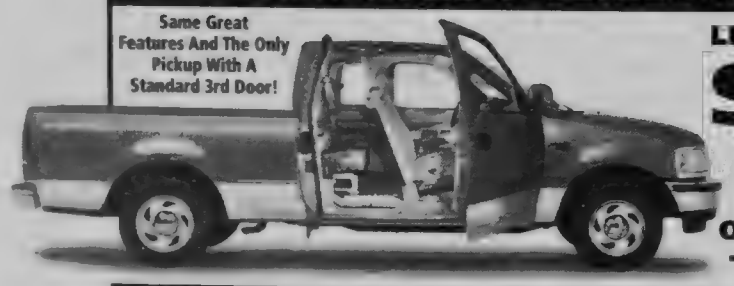

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OBITUARY

Ken Teasdale watched Eagle Lake grow

by RUTH STILL

Ken Teasdale, good neighbour and friend, has gone. His passing on January 8, 1997 coincides with the end of a chapter in Canadian history. The following week, changes announced by the government presage a new era.

Ken was born on an Alberta farm in 1922. His father had moved West as its wonderfully rich wheatland opened for settlement. But by 1934, poor farming practices left the depleted soil blowing about to be called "the dirty thirties." The children walked to school over fence tops of drifted soil from their farms.

When Alberta neighbours, in their Bennet buggies (their gas-starved cars pulled by horses) left for the trek north to Peace River country, the Teasdales headed back East and settled at Eagle Lake where there was employment: three sawmills, and the Cooperage. For this was the depth of the worst depression the country had ever seen.

Canada was rural, agricultural. Eagle Lake's farms on the hill after 50 years were deserted. Industrialization arrived by mid-thirties in Eagle Lake. The newcomers put up a row of houses to develop the village street. Ken's 50 cents a day at a local sawmill purchased the lumber to build the family home.

In 1940, the war for an 18-year old, meant adventure and a chance to see the world. Enlist before it's all over! Ken trained in Canada for the artillery. Finally in Halifax his unit was given one week embarkation leave. He took trains from Halifax to Montreal, Belleville, Peterborough, Lindsay and finally, on the seventh day, Eagle Lake. A hasty one day of adieus and by evening begin the return trip, to arrive back in Halifax - one week A.W.O.L.

His artillery unit on the east coast of Britain was the defence against waves of German bombers. Following V.E. day the unit fought through France, the Low Countries and into Germany.

Peace meant having aged 10 years in five. It meant: a return to peaceful Eagle Lake and forgetting the horrors of war, marrying a local girl, Ruth Arnberg, and building a home on a large lot beside the village street. Here he and Ruth raised a family of four. His world was Eagle Lake and he loathed leaving it for even a visit to Peterborough.

There was work in the woods. He suffered permanent knee injury from a falling tree, which made his plumbing business difficult to maintain. The Teasdale wood lot beside the house kept local homes warm for two decades. Huge loads of logs became neatly stacked cords of firewood within days.

June would find him in the fields searching out the sweet, wild strawberries. Ruth preserved the varieties of berries he picked and the wild apples he gathered. But what he most enjoyed was local fishing and the annual two-week deer hunting season each November was all the social life he craved.

Out to get my mail I sometimes joined him on the tailgate of his truck. We'd dangle our legs, observe the passing scene on the road and talk of early times here and the many post-war changes, of Canada now urban, industrialized. We'd settle a few of the world's problems. Ken never maligned anyone and was a great source of information and help.

He regretted not purchasing the land I now own. He, 56 years ago, had helped Jack Arnberg plant the double row of spruce/pine beside what's now Still Court Road. The black flies, a torment to man and beast, made it a hasty job. He would have extracted gravel where I have planted trees.

At the last he spoke often of war experiences. I regret not having questioned him about them but thought he wished to forget.

Ken Teasdale died in his 75th year (the national average longevity span) - a quiet man, with a quiet humour, a dependable and trusted neighbour. I shall mourn his passing together with family and friends.

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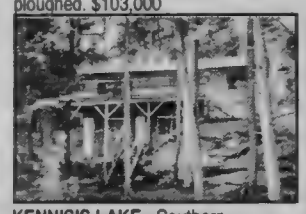

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Dorset snowmobiler lucky to get by with just a cold dip

by PHYLIS BRISCOE

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We wish happy birthday to Spencer Mead, Marg Walkden, David Bradbury and Samantha Black.

The Dorset Senior Club held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 8, having a pot luck lunch. There was a good attendance. There were two guest speakers, Linda Coop and Lorene Hicks, representatives of Muskoka Seniors Home Assistance Program. They discussed the many forms of assistance available for seniors including seniors helping seniors. They would welcome a telephone call from anyone who would like information on the program. You may call 789-0876 or 1-800-550-7106.

The Anglican Lake of Bays Parish held its annual meeting last Sunday. After a Communion service at St. Mary Magdalenes with members of the congregations from Baysville and Port Cunnington present, the group assembled at Zachary's restaurant to enjoy a delicious lunch. After lunch there was a meeting, chaired by Bob Burton. There was an election of officers who were installed for the coming year. A pleasant get-together of the different points of the parish.

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RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT Form Workshop. The 1997 version of ROE can still be confusing. If you are interested in attending a 1/2 day workshop in early February, to learn how to complete it accurately, call our office today! We need 15 - 20 employers to register their interest in order for a workshop to be held in Haliburton. **Haliburton Employment Centre, York St., 457–1316.** CA

FAX US AT: 457-3275

210 HELP WANTED

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Please mail your application with resume to:
Foster Loucks, Executive Director, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Box 569, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Or Fax to (705) 286–4819. CA

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260 TENDERS

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1 - Ontario Hydro inspection and certificate.
Drawings, specifications, building code conformance (3.4.6.15,(4) and contractor requirements can be obtained by contacting Hyland Crest at (705) 286-2140.
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tender closing date: January 24, 1997 at 4 p.m. *Gary McKnight, Administrator.*
CA

280 COMING EVENTS

COUPLES/SINGLES DANCE
Friday, January 24, 1997
8 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Trentwinds Motor Hotel Peterborough, Ballroom #2
Tickets: Adv. $8, Door $12 (members 1/2 price)
Music DJ - (Live Entertainment)
Reservations, tickets, details - **(705) 742–3048**
Ticket pick-up - Dixon's Furniture Store 287 George Street Peterborough, Ontario

HALIBURTON & AREA Acquired Brain Injury Support Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Health Unit. For info call Nancy at 457-1600.
CA

HALIBURTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES
presents
The Stylamanders
Sun., January 26, 1997
at 2:00 p.m.
PineStone Resort - Ballroom
Admission by season passport or a few tickets will be available at the door
$8.00 per person
This concert is co-sponsored by The PineStone Resort and Conference Centre
For more information **call 457–2218**
CA

280 COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
Sat., January 25 at 11 a.m.
Tour of the new Easy trails at Woodland Ranch
Bring a lunch to enjoy by the fire at the Tartan Trail Shelter.
Call Margaret or Peter **at 754-2351**
CA

MINDEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Annual dinner & meeting
Sponsor of Haliburton County Fair
Friday, January 24
at Minden United Church at 7 p.m.
Dinner $10. each
Telephone 286–4749 or 488–2613 if planning to attend.
Everyone Welcome

MONMOUTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, January 24
Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre - Wilberforce
7:00 p.m.
New ideas & new members are always welcome
CA

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT
Sat., January 25, 1997
7:30 p.m.
Haliburton Legion
Admission $7.50
* Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums
* Highland Dancers
* Scottish Country Dancers
* Dancing to D.J.
* Piping in the Haggis at 10:30 p.m.
* Address to the Haggis
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• Cooking - A Gourmet Tour
• Cutter Course
• Medications and Effects
• Nursing Interpretation of Lab Results
• Quilting
• Smart Serve
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• Watercolour Painting - Snowscapes
For more information or to register, call (705) 457–1680 or write Sir Sandford Fleming College, Box 839, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.
CA

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
BABYSITTER COURSE
Monday, January 27
Call 1-800-565-4613
For information or to register

280 COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON LEGION
BINGO
Every Wednesday
7:15pm
$300 JACKPOT
1st Wednesday of every month will be
$1,000 JACKPOT
$50. per game

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The Haliburton branch of the **Superannuated Teachers of Ontario** will be holding a "Beat the Blahs" luncheon at The Old Country House, Haliburton on January 27 at 11:30 a.m.

THE HALIBURTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
presents their annual fund-raising event
"DARE TO SKI"
This event takes place on
Sat., Feb. 1, 1997
at Sir Sam's Ski Area
Registration is from
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pledge sheets can be picked up at our office (beside Legion) or by **phoning 457-2626.**
Come out and support your local association and win prizes.
CA

The Minden & District Horticultural Society
invites you to attend the annual POTLUCK DINNER
on Tues., February 4
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden
Bring your own dishes and cutlery
Our guest speaker, on "The Monarch Butterfly", is David Wright
Bring your friends, meet our new president and directors and talk SPRING!
Membership is still $3.00 annually.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!
CA

310 NOTICES

"DAFFODILS"
A support group for people who have been or are now challenged with cancer.
Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 1996
Place: Haliburton United Church, Haliburton.
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Family members welcome.
Contacts:
Jean Casey 457-1010,
Margaret Finlay 448-2556,
Helen Cox 286-2224.

310 NOTICES

CALL TO ENTER
The 1997 Haliburton County Studio Tour is now accepting applications for this year's Studio Tour. Applicants must live in Haliburton County and have a working studio. Work to be considered must be original -- anything made from kits will not be accepted.
Slides or samples of work can be sent by February 10th to John Beaudry, R.R. #1, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Phone No. 286-6535.

ARTISTS, Craftmasters, antique collectors - A new arts café opening January '97 in an historic building in Haliburton is seeking items for consignment sales. Year-round, six-day week, low consignment rates, guaranteed monthly payments on sales. Call 457–1943 (long distance 1-888-883-WILD).
CA

BUS TRIP to Casino Niagara. For more information call Ernie at 754–3780.

NOTICE – If the boat and snowmobile left on my property are not removed by January 31, 1997 , they will be sold to cover storage charges. **Doris Wheeler**

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320 PERSONAL

1-800-433-3284 for recorded messages about the Baha'i Faith, its teachings, and perspectives on social issues.
CA

70 YEAR old man, secure, looking for same in woman. Must be over 60, non-smoker, non-drinker, for companionship or love. Reply to Box E, c/o Haliburton County Echo, P.O. Box 360, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.

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• Poker Run
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• Demonstrations
Head Lake - Haliburton Village
February 7/8/9, 1997

330 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF Marjorie Young would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who phoned, sent cards, food, flower arrangements, kind words and prayers. A special thanks to our Minden Hospital, St. Joseph's (Peterborough), the staff at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, the VON and Red Cross Homemakers; our Uncle Clark, Aunt Glenda Simpson, who have been there for mom and us every step of the way. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful family and friends who have gone that extra mile to make it easier to deal with this difficult loss - **Rob, Scott, Connie and families.**

SPECIAL THANKS to Marian Markowski, pastry chef, of Rachel's Bakery for helping me to learn more about baking. I would like to also thank him for making my stay here more enjoyable in beautiful Haliburton - **Arthur Kantor, Humber College.**

We would like to express a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to two very special sons, Mike and Jason, for a beautiful 25th Wedding Anniversary Dinner Party at Lora-Lea Country Inn, on Friday, January 10 - an evening that will always be remembered and appreciated more than words will ever say. To everyone who worked so hard to prepare such a beautiful dinner. Brad and Paula Thorn, Ivy-Lea Luna, Elinor Kleinschmidt, Darlene and Dave Johnson, Wanda and Jay Mole and Kim Perrin, thank you so much. Thank you to our families, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, for all the beautiful gifts, cards and telephone calls. **Brad and Carolyn Redner**

340 BIRTHS

'ADOPTION'
McELWAIN (HARNDEN) – Gerry, Jill and Andrew are overjoyed to announce the arrival of their precious little daughter and sister;
WENDY ALEXANDRA MERCEDES
Wendy was born October 27, 1993 in Guatemala. She is welcomed with love by her entire family especially proud grandparents Wilson and Darlene McElwain and Joyce Harnden. Sadly and deeply missed are big brother Ryan and Grandpa (Doug) Harnden.

A sister for Nicole
Tom & Lorie Reddering
are proud to announce
another girl!!
JOHANNA MARGARET
born at Ross Memorial
on January 12, 1997
weighing 7 lb., 14 oz.
Thanks to all the staff at the
hospital, family and friends

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340 BIRTHS

FEERO/HOLMES
Hi! My name is
NICHOLAS ALEXANDER KIMBERLEY
I was born
January 12, 1997
8 lbs., 12 oz.
My proud parents are
Jason Feero and Rebecca Holmes
I'm the second grandchild of Carol and Les Feero of Haliburton, first grandchild for Dorothy Holmes of Owen Sound and Peter Holmes of Shallow Lake
I have a cousin Jenna, two uncles, Jeff and Troy, two aunts, Christina and Pauline, plus too many more to mention

390 DEATH NOTICES

GRIFFIN, LORNE WELLINGTON: At Victoria Manor in Lindsay on Monday, January 13, 1997 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Edith Handy. Survived by his daughter-in-law Mary Griffin in Lindsay. Loving grandfather of Cindy Vader and her husband Marlin of Lindsay, Michael and his wife Rhonda of West Guilford and Jamie and his wife Denise Griffin of Lindsay. Dear great grandfather of Vanessa, Andrew and Nathan Vader, Paul and Timmy Griffin and Sherman, Raymond and Karin Griffin. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his son Sherman, his brother Fred and sisters Elsie Packard and Viola Barjarow. Friends and family called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday, January 14, 1997 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday morning, January 15, 1997 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society or Victoria Manor for Victoria House Development would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

AT REST
Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital, on Thurs., January 16, 1997
WESLEY O. "WES" STATA
At the age of 82.
Beloved husband of Evelyn Stata of Haliburton. Dear father of Richard and his wife Donna of Oshawa, and Sharon of Toronto. Loving grandfather of Sherri and her husband Sean Gault of Toronto. Dear brother of Mary (Mrs. J. Bacon) of Lindsay, Audrey (Mrs. Herb Ireland) of Haliburton, Betty (Mrs. Al Bowry) of Huntsville, predeceased by Florence (Mrs. Clarence Ruttle), Holly, Kenneth, and Pearl (Mrs. F. Bacon). Family and friends visited at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Then to the Haliburton United Church for Funeral Service on Saturday, January 18th, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Victoria/Haliburton Lung Association or to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Legion Service was held at the Funeral Home on Friday at 7:30 p.m. **CA**

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Suddenly at her residence in Wilberforce, Ontario on January 13, 1997
EVELYN MARIE YABSLEY
At the age of 71
Wife of the late Merville, daughter of Howard Ackley and Hattie Liscombe, she was a resident of Wilberforce for 50 years. Mother of Sharon and her husband Lou Davidson of Ajax, Sheila and her husband Terry Siebarth of Tory Hill and Shirley and her husband Jim Deterling of Tory Hill. Grandmother of Marie, Jason, Shawn and Shannon and great grandmother of Ashley, Bob and Spenser. Sister of Ted Ackley, Wilberforce, Maxine MacDuff, Wilberforce, Doreen Hitchinson, Lindsay, Howard Ackley, Tory Hill, Murray Ackley, Oshawa, and predeceased by Aileen. Funeral Service was held on Thursday, January 16, 1997 at 1 p.m. at the Baragar Funeral Home, Bancroft with the Rev. Christopher Greaves, officiating. Pallbearers were Jason and Carl MacDuff, Shannon Deterling, Jason Newell, Paul Visser and Ted Nottage. Interment in the spring, Warkworth Cemetery. **CA**

400 IN MEMORIAM

HOWE, FRANK – In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather, who passed away January 24, 1994.
As time unfolds another year
Memories keep you ever near.
Silent thoughts of time together
Hold memories that will last forever.
Sadly missed by **wife Ida, daughters, Geraldine and Fay, sons-in-law, Glen and Bruce, and grandchildren.**

REIL – In loving memory of a dear husband Leonard, who passed away January 19, 1989.
Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loveliness never dies,
He lives in a land of glory,
Midst the blue and the gold of the skies.
His life is a beautiful memory,
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In a sunset of perfect peace.
Sadly missed by **wife Aileen, children and grandchildren.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of OSCAR JOHN STEWART
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Oscar John Stewart, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 4th day of January, 1997, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 18th day of February, 1997.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 13th day of January, 1997. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. **CA**

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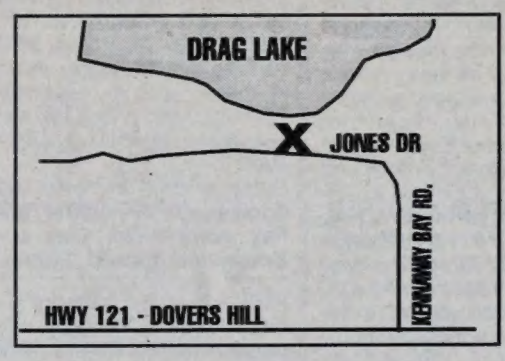

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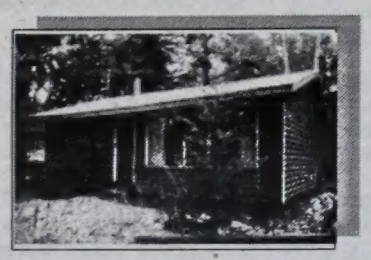

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